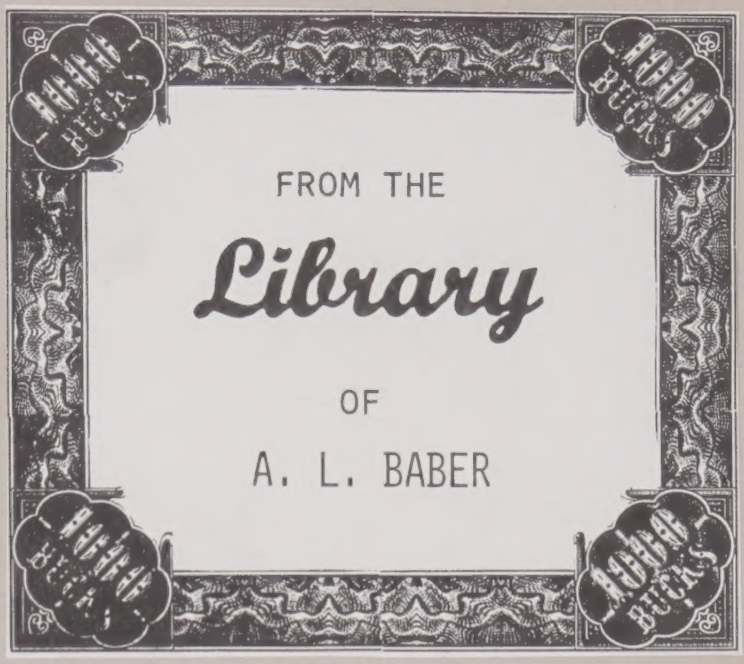
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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 4 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

OUR INSTALLATION AND DINNER was another one of our successes; it was a very nice party. There were about 60 present, and some nice exhibits (described elsewhere) were shown.

The entertainment was arranged by Dr. Wallace, part of it being a burlesque on a symphony orchestra conductor without an orchestra, this being played by Mr. Hans Peters of the Pacific States Optical Company, a guest of the Doc.

The table decorations were arranged by Mrs. Knickerbocker, who did her usual good job.

We had very little in the way of speeches (do we hear cheers?), but Mr. Panosh gave a brief resume on the history of the American Numismatic Association. And needless to say, he also gave a plug for the California State Numismatic Association. Mr. Fogler reported on his further travels in the interests of the latter organization, and pointed out that California was practically at the top in numismatic activities. He stated that this state now had 12 active coin clubs, had the greatest percentage of members in the A.N.A. (900 members), and that California numismatists and their clubs were noted for energy, harmony, cooperation, and good fellowship - and a lack of politics and petty jealosies.

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Some very fine door prizes were given, they being donated by Harry Bouchard, Ed Fogler, Doc Wilson, Lew Panosh, Irving Knickerbocker, Gene Johnston, Doc Wallace, Attwood MacDonald, Tom Ward, and the Charles Warner Studios. These are all the names we were able to learn, so if anyone else should be listed, please tell us.

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vious to that date. We sure hope he is well long before this - and that we will have him again some time.

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FASHION NOTE - We thought we had a famous character as a visitor; Catherine DeMedici, no less. That was because Mattie Knickerbocker's new hat fooled us. She was wearing Catherine's hat; anyway it was one of those mashed down pancakes with a veil such as Catherine used to wear (so we understand).

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And it puzzles us to know how Mattie could see anything with that bunch of diamonds dangling down over one eye.

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Anyway they looked like diamonds.

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THE PROWLER - When Charlie Leuschner's award was announced, he didn't answer, because he wasn't in the room. He was in the hotel kitchen. As an old Navy chief letty officer, we guess it was natural for him to see what he could scrounge there.

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In speaking of the beginnings of the A.N.A., Lew Panosh said that it started in 1888, and that we couldn't remember that far back. Mary Bowler interrupted him to say he was wrong, she could.

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Now there's a gal that ain't bashful about admitting her age.

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The judges that made the awards were Ed Fogler and Harry Davidson. It's a heck of a job judging exhibits, and Ed said he invited Harry out in the alley to settle their differences of opinion on the merits of the displays.

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Lew Panosh wants to apologize for a slight error he made in introducing the club's officers. The holdover governor is Gene Johnston, nor Doc Wallace.

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THE EXHIBITS:

Lew Panosh: A display showing various extremes in coins (FIRST AWARD)

Tom Ward: Imperial Roman portrait coins (SECOND AWARD)

Louis Walrath: Nickels arranged to form a U.S. flag, mounted in an artistic and appropriately colored and designed holder (THIRD AWARD)

Charlie Leuschner: Large and small cents (FOURTH AWARD)

Jimmie Malowney: Cents connected by dates to definite events (SPECIAL AWARD)

Paul Boltz: Foreign paper money

Jim Crouthamel: U.S. type set; commemorative half dollars; proof sets

Eula Crouthamel: Large paper money

Doc Calvert Emmons: Proof silver 3¢ pieces complete; gold dollars

Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. proof sets

Atwood MacDonald: Type set of the Denver mint

Anna Panosh: Asiatic orders and decorations

Frenchy Vigneault: Fractional and postage currency

Doc Bruce Wallace: Crowns of various nations

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Lew Panosh called his display his "mostest", as it was designed to show the most of some feature or coin characteristic. For instance, the most colorful coins (Siamese porcelain tokens), the most improvement in a series (Mexican), the largest denomination, the most unusual shaped coin, the smallest, etc.

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Jimmie Malowney is just 10 years old, and the display he made was well worthy of an adult. He deserved his award. He laid out a complete series of Lincoln cents, and tied each coin to a picture and write-up of something that happened at the time the coin was struck. It was an ingenious idea, and a very neat display.

Jimmie's idea of associating coin dates with events beat one of Doc Wilson's. The doc said he planned to show his Mexican coins that way, with historical events described along with the contemporary coins. Thus he could show the sailing of Columbus in 1492 with a coin from the Mexico City of that same date.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow felt very much ill at ease sitting at the head table; he thought he should be down among the low tables. The lower the better.

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Two presentations were made to the Hermit. First Lew Panosh presented him with a bound volume of last year's Bulletins, which the Hermit accepted on condition that he didn't have to read the thing. Then Harry Bouchard announced that he thought so much of the Hermit, he was willing to give him the shirt off his back; but he compromised by giving him a necktie. And the tie had a picture of a skunk on it.

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Thus you will be able to identify the Hermit by his brand.

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That is, if you already don't know how to identify him as the worst dressed man in the S.D.N.S.

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The raffle was for two good prizes; a proof set donated by Jim Crouthamel and a radio donated by the Thirl Music Co. This latter donation was arranged by Doc Wallace, and we are grateful to him and to the Thirl people for this generous contribution.

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The radio was won by Mrs. Wilson. We hope that the installments are all paid, because think how humiliating it would be if a van backed up to the Wilson home to repossess the radio.

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A thing like that might ruin the social standing of the Wilsons.

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"TO HIM THAT HATH SHALL BE GIVEN" - The proof set

was won by Irving Knickerbocker, which is just what he needed, as he has more proof sets now than anyone else in the club. He needed that set just about like the rest of need an extra ear.

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Another kind of prize was donated by Doc Wallace; he gave each lady a mirror.

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A NEW MEMBER WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

DAVIDSON, Harry S. Los Angeles

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We are sorry to report hard luck in the Vigneault family. Frenchy himself hasn't been too well, his wife has been ill, and to top it off, his son was in an automobile-motorcycle collision, breaking one foot. We sincerely wish all the Vigneaults a speedy recovery.

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Another example of hard luck we hate to chronicle; Gene Johnston's car's brakes failed on the Freeway, with the result that he struck another car. Extensive damage was done to both. Fortunately no one was hurt, and both cars were protected by insurance.

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Can it be that the Bay Cities Coin Club is all wet? Anyway, when you visit our Bay Cities colleagues, you'd better bring along your bathing suit. Because we read in the "Numismatist" that they now hold their meetings in the Santa Monica Municipal Swimming Pool.

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It seems to us that it would be difficult to show coins under such circumstances. Still coin collectors seem to be willing to try anything.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The Next meeting will be at the home of Earle Stanton, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles on February 15. Mr. Stanton will speak on "Brutus and the Ides of March", illustrating his talk with appropriate coins.

At the January meeting Tom Ward spoke on "Wrong Portraits on Roman Coins", explaining why sometimes

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 3 at Bartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.
Program: Dr. Roy H. Wilson on the later Mexican Colonial coins.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION will be held at Santa Rosa, California, April 4-6 inclusive. The headquarters will be at the Hotel Santa Rosa.
The host club will be the Redwood Empire Coin Club, and Ed Fowler, who is general chairman in charge of arrangements, reports that plans now are completed, and a very good convention is anticipated.
Ample space is promised for both the exhibits and the dealers' course. Lighting of exhibits will be good, that problem being solved by use of the special lights now the property of the association.
Hotel rates are: single room $4.00; double $5.50 - $6.00; double with twin beds $7.00 - $8.00. Full information and registration blanks will be mailed to all C.S.N.A. members; others should make reservations with the hotel direct. It is always important to get reservations in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.
All are urged to make exhibits; the coin, medal, paper money, etc. displays are always among the most important features of conventions, so here is the chance to show off some of your prize pieces. As usual, award ribbons will be given for the best showings. Reserve your display cases from Roy Hill, 1140 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, California. At this writing we do not know how many cases are available for each exhibitor, but it has always been at least three. In any case, Roy can tell you.
The auction will be conducted by Paul Gittlin, and some very attractive material is being prepared. Other chairmen than those named above are: assistant

General Chairman, Robert Holland; sergeant at arms Rudy Gjurovich; registration and finance, Robert G. McArthur; bourse, Frank X. Galvin; awards, Dr. H. A. Bowers; auction, Everett S. Ostrom; entertainment, Ken P. Allen; ladies' entertainment, Mrs. Ken. P. Allen.

We hope to see you all in Santa Rosa April 4-6.

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How come we don't see the name Panosh among all them there chairmen and officials? Is Lew slipping?

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Rudy Gjurovich must have been selected for sergeant at arms on account of his formidible appearance. He is a pretty good sized feller and so we wouldn't dare start any disturbance while he was present.

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But we'd hate to have Bob McArthur's job. If he is in charge of finance, we guess that means he is responsible for seeing that we make a fine profit on the convention.

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But to be serious for the moment, we don't care much about profit. As long as we have a good convention and a good time, to heck with the profits.

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After all, it's only money.

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There will be one familiar face missing at the convention; it is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. J. R. Stewart of Chino. He was one of the association's most active members, and his loss will be severely felt.

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Perhaps here we should express gratitude to the chairmen and officers for taking on their various jobs. As Lew Panosh once said conventions don't just happen; there is a lot of work involved in getting things ready for them. And we are fortunate in having a group of men and women both able and willing to undertake this work. The least we can do is to help them in any way we can.

EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Paul Boltz: Presidential medals; various U.S. and foreign coins
Gene Johnston: 1869 $10 gold proof
Francis Jones: Large cents
Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; commemorative half dollars; large cents
Charles Leuschner: Cents; Colonial coppers; tokens
Lew Panosh: Coins illustrating some extreme, such as in size, shape, etc.
Mrs. Anna Panosh: Medals and orders, including a Congressional Medal of Honor
Dwight Safford: George Washington medals; large cents; half cents
Dr. Bruce Wallace: Cents; half cents; U.S. gold
Tom Ward: Ancient Spanish coins

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"MIDAS KNICKERBOCKER" - What with showing a Mexican peso gold plated, and a gold plated nickel, it looks like everything that Irving Knickerbocker touches turns to gold.

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SUCH EXTRAVAGANCE! - We noticed Gene Johnston using some of his new S.D.N.S. letterheads for scratch paper.

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When Paul Boltz arrived carrying a blanket, we thought he planned to stay overnight. But it turned out he just brought it to place his display on.

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Anna Panosh brought her Congressional Medal of Honor especially to show it to Charlie Leuschner. Charlie didn't get none while he was in the Navy.

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Although in his 30 years he got a small collection of others though.

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And Tom Ward brought his Romano-Spanish coins just to show to Anna Panosh, who is always so enthusiastic about everything Spanish.

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For the refreshments, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Fairman served as waitresses. Wonder if they had union cards.

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Lew Panosh is economizing; he smoked a pipe instead of his eternal cigars at the last meeting. And Anna is a very unobserving wife; she didn't even notice this change until it was pointed out to her.

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If Lew can save money on his tobacco bill, maybe he can afford to buy books, and can stop digging them out of trash cans.

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Dr. RAY WILSON'S TALK at our next meeting will be the conclusion of the one on Mexican coins which he began several meetings ago. We have been looking forward to hearing this. The doc is a real expert on this series, and has a natural collection of pre-republican Mexicans. He will show various specimens in illustration.

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ANNUAL REPORT - Something went wrong with that little celluloid bank we used for convention fund collections; the more you put in, the less it registered. Well, that's typical of these inflationary times; the more you save, the less you have.

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Despite opposition from the mint and elsewhere, Col. Moss is still working for a Pine Tree Shilling commemorative quarter, and thinks there is still some chance for one. So Lew Panosh reported at the last meeting.

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We had some discussion of the mystery of the 1896 $10 and $20 National Bank notes. Atwood MacDonald explained this by saying that none were issued; the $10 denomination was set up for printing but none were made, and the $20 didn't even go that far. The reason that notes are found with the 1896 date is that they bear the date they actually were issued by the Treasury Department. Therefore 1895 notes are found dated 1896.

Through the courtesy of the Treasury and the federal reserve bank, Atwood MacDonald brought a counterfeit exhibit to the meeting. This consisted of frames of counterfeit bills, as well as "blown-up" photographs of counterfeits, some of them enlarged to four feet long in order to show all details. Atwood explained that there is an epidemic of counterfeits in circulation at present, and gave points to watch for, especially in the $10 and $20 denominations. Many of these notes are in the series having the following small numbers on the backs: 7, 27, 85, 95, 105, 180, 207, 1085, and 1207. The mere fact that a note has one of these numbers does not indicate it is counterfeit, but many bad bills do have one of these numbers. He also mentioned that the seals on the counterfeits often are somewhat off-color and inclined to fade. In general, the counterfeits are very well made.

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To this Paul Boltz added some information from his experience with counterfeits at his bank. He stated that frequently counterfeits are slightly smaller than genuine bills, and can be detected by laying a genuine bill on a suspicious one, and comparing the sizes of the designs.

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The day after the meeting, the papers reported that a number of counterfeiters were captured, so we hope that one source of this dangerous nuisance thus is dried up.

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After listening to all that gloomy talk on counterfeits, Jim and Eula Crouthamel went home and spent the rest of the night going over their paper money collections with a microscope.

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If U.S. coins seem monotonous to you, you should have heard Atwood MacDonald on that subject at the meeting. Mac pointed out that on the cent alone cent numerous die varieties could be detected; that there were varieties in the rays on the peace dollar, etc.

THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce the next meeting to be at the home of George Bennett, 1548 Micheltorena St., Los Angeles. Mr. Bennett will speak on "The Infamous Nero", and coins of Nero will be shown. At the February meeting Earle Stanton spoke on "Brutus and the Ides of March" illustrating the talk with many coins of Caesar, Brutus, and other politicians of the period.

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THE HERMIT OF SKUNK HOLLOW received a gift from Mrs. Marie Bowler, and he ain't sure yet if it is a compliment or not. She sent him a sachet bag, decorated with a picture of a skunk.

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Maybe she intended him to autograph the picture and send it back.

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Incidentally, a landmark now is missing in Skunk Hollow; the Hermit finally got rid of his ancient Chevrolet, and blew himself for a DeSoto. The old car began going to pieces everywhere at once, like the "Wonderful One-Horse Shay" in the poem.

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Still, the Hermit almost wept at giving up the old car; it felt like losing an old horse.

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Charlie Leuschner almost had to buy a new car too - and this was due to his well-known politeness and chivalry. A woman driver plunged through a boulevard without the formality of stopping (or even slowing down); Charlie sheered off to let her have all the road, but the only trouble was that there was another car in the place he sheered to. Fortunately the damage to both cars was very slight.

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The woman that caused the trouble kept on going, which perhaps is just as well. If Charlie could have interviewed her, maybe he would have forgotten to be polite.

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DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH BULLETIN: March 10

SPORTS SECTION - In the "Calcoin News" we read that Charlie Kiser won 16 letters for athletics while in high school. This seems rather poor to us. After all there are 26 letters in the alphabet; how come that Charlie didn't get any of the other 10?

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Most of us like to watch pile drivers and other heavy machinery at work, and Louie Walrath has a cinch in this respect. He watches a pile driver and gets paid for it. He is a government inspector on the new construction work at Camp Pendleton, and his present duties are to watch pile drivers driving piles.

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Now if we could only get a job with the Department of Agriculture watching the grass grow - - .

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Here we'll close this thing with two reminders:
(1) If you ain't yet paid your dues, how about it?
(2) Let's all who can go to the Santa Rosa convention, and bring along material to exhibit.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 14 at Dortlee Hall,
3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGED MEETING DATE - for this meeting only - to April 14. The reason for this is to avoid conflict with the dates of the California State Numismatic Association convention in Santa Rosa. While the convention will end on April 6, those of us who go to it very likely won't get back in time to attend our meeting on what would have been its regular date, the 7th. Or even if we did, we probably would be so sleepy after the trip that we would fall asleep during the session, and that would be disgraceful.

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - Now that we have got on to that subject again perhaps we ought to recapitulate all the information we have concerning this important event - especially as you should receive this just before the opening of the convention. Here it is:

DATE: April 4-6, inclusive
PLACE: Hotel Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa, Calif.
HOST CLUB: Redwood Empire Coin Club
HOTEL RATES: Single, $4.00; double, $5.50-$6.00; double with twin beds, $7.00-$8.00
EXHIBITS: In charge of Roy Hill, 1140 Sutter St., San Francisco 9, Calif. Write to him for use of cases. Charge for each case, 50¢.
BOURSE: In charge of Earl A. Parker, 1254 Market St., San Francisco 2, Calif. Get in touch with him if you want selling space. One table with 2 cases, $10.00. Larger table with 3 cases, $15.00.
AUCTION: In charge of Everett Ostrom, with Paul Wittlin conducting.
GENERAL CHAIRMAN: Ed Fogler. Ed says that every-

thing now is ready, and promises a good convention. We believe him; so let's all go.

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OTHER CONVENTION CHAIRMEN than those listed above are:

HONORARY CHAIRMAN: Dr. Calvert L. Emmons
ASSISTANT GENERAL CHAIRMAN: Robert Hetland
SERGEANT AT ARMS: Rudy Gjurovich
REGISTRATION: Robert G. McArthur
AWARDS: Dr. Nathan A. Bowers
NUMISMATIC PROGRAM: Leonel C. Panosh
RECEPTION: Clipper Mills
RADIO PROGRAM: William S. Lambert
ENTERTAINMENT: Ken P. Allen
LADIES' ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM: Mrs. Ken P. Allen

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PROGRAM:

April 4: 9:00 A.M., registration begins; 8:30 P.M., starting placing of exhibits and dealers' bourse; 7:30 P.M., numismatic program; 8:30 P.M., card party for the ladies

April 5: 9:00 A.M., continuing of exhibit placing and opening of bourse; directors' meeting (time to be set later); 10:00 A.M., business session; 2:00 P.M., 1st session of auction; 2:00 P.M., demonstration of hair styles for the ladies; 5:00 P.M., judging of exhibits; 7:00 P.M., banquet.

April 6: 10:00 A.M., business session, including election of officers; 12:00 noon, luncheon, presentation of award ribbons, and installation of officers; 2:00 P.M., 2nd session of auction; 5:00 P.M., close of convention.

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Robert Hetland will be in charge of the information desk, and is prepared to answer any of your questions.

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DOOR PRIZES - As usual, a number of these will be given to those attending; there is no obligation, as

winners simply will be drawn from a list of those present. There are some nice ones. Besides those donated by officers, members, dealers, etc., many outside firms have made donations, among them being the Italian-Swiss Colony Winery, Hills Brothers Coffee, Inc., Sutliff Tobacco Co., American Trust Co., and others. We are very grateful for the cooperation of these concerns.

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And speaking of cooperation, we also are grateful to the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce which is working for the success of the convention. So is the Hotel Santa Rosa; and we also appreciate the advance publicity given by the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, the Santa Rosa Evening Press, and Radio Station KSRO.

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The convention prospectus states that Santa Rosa is near where the Russians once occupied California. It shouldn't have said so. This might scare some of us timid fellers away.

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But when Emil Johnson gets to Santa Rosa, he might try to look up some Russian survivors, and see if he can get any of that Russian-Swedish money that he is always worrying about.

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THE EXHIBITS will be divided into the following classes, with a series of award ribbons for each:

1. United States
2. Foreign
3. Ancient
4. Currency
5. Medals and decorations
6. Junior and novice
7. Dealers

(A novice is defined as a collector with less than 3 years' experience)

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You all are asked to make displays - and don't worry if you haven't any rarities or expensive coins to show. They are not going to be judged on their value in dollars and cents. What is going to count is: the amount of numismatic information that can be obtained

from your display, the originality and effectiveness of its arrangement, and the range and variety of the material shown.

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Dr. Ray Wilson was scheduled to speak at our last meeting, but his talk was postponed. The reason for this was that we had the opportunity to show some of the slides of the Newell Visual Educational Committee of the American Numismatic Association. We could keep these slides for only a very limited time, so had to show them at once.

The slides we had were of series No. 8, ancient Greek coins, classified into 3 groups: 700-460 B.C., 460-400 B.C., and 400-336 B.C., and showed typical coins throughout these periods.

Not having an expert on Greek coins in the club, the job of giving the talk to accompany the slides was pushed on Tom Ford. Now Greek coinage is just one of the many subjects that Tom knows nothing about; however he managed to fumble through the lecture without getting called. He went on the theory that maybe no one else knew any more than he did, so he bluffed through successfully.

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These Newell slides are beautiful; they show the coins in wonderful detail. We saw some fine coin pictures - even if the lecture wasn't so wonderful. We hope to have another series to show at an early date.

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Although Doc Wilson didn't speak on his Mexican coins, he was part of the program just the same. He ran the projector. We are grateful to him for bringing the machine, as well as for operating it.

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After the showing, Dr. Bruce Wallace borrowed the projector to show several of his newest coins (described elsewhere). The Doc made the slides himself, but instead of using the photographic method he used the system of impressing the coins into plastic sheets. This process resulted in very clear

and detailed pictures.

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Doc Wallace described the system of making these slides. One method is to soften the plastic by a moderate heat, and then impress the coin into the soft plastic. But the doc said he found the simplest way was to heat the coin moderately, lay it on the cold plastic, place a hot flat iron on top of it, allowing it to gradually sink into the plastic. To us, this sounds like a kind of drastic treatment for coins; but the doc seemed to get away with it. At any rate, he had the coins at the meeting, and they didn't seem to have suffered by the treatment.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR MEETING:

Paul Boltz: A Bechtler North Carolina $1.00 gold piece; various foreign coppers

Gene Johnston: 2 very fine Pine Tree Shillings; some excellent English coins, including a gold angel of Henry VIII and other coins of that ruler, and of Elizabeth I, Anne, etc.; U.S. proofs

Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; proof sets; commemorative half dollars

Charles Leuschner: Large and small cents

Atwood MacDonald: Type set of the Denver mint, with photographs of the mint, etc.

Dwight Safford: Small cents

Dr. Bruce Wallace: Roman and Byzantine gold; English gold nobles and angels of Edward III, Henry VII, Elizabeth I, etc.; 1492 Spanish Ducat of Ferdinand and Isabella

Tom Ward: Roman silver denarii of the Emperor Commodus

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We believe that the Bechtler piece shown by Paul Boltz is the first one ever appearing at one of our meetings. They aren't common. And it wasn't a Boltz proof, either.

The Roman gold of Doc Wallace consisted of coins of Julius Caesar (with Pietas obverse); Augustus, Valens, etc. They all were in very fine shape.
The doc stated that his 1492 Spanish ducat was one of those struck especially to pay the expenses of Columbus on his voyage; that many of these were preserved in the families of the original owners as souvenirs of that historic event.

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Last month we had a lot to say about counterfeiting; and we certainly would not, to tell that Bob Flournoy was involved in such a nefarious business. Still, Gene Johnston accused him of trying to pass a phoney half dollar.

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Lee Prosch has gone back to his former custom of smoking cigars. His pipe couldn't blow round smoke rings.

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Paul Soltz - as our treasurer - gave a clear and concise financial report (we ain't broke yet), but then we got another $17.00, which made the report all wrong.

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When Paul gave his report, Charlie Lauschner asked how much of our funds were in Soltz proofs - but Paul dodged with this question in dignified silence.

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The way we got the aforesaid $17.00 was by raffling several coins and medals donated by members, for instance, a California medal donated by Francis Jones. Atwood MacDonald won them. Afterwards we decided to spread the prizes in the future and not have them all go on one drawing, so that more people would have chances at them.

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Anyway, Atwood beat that ruling.

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Gene Johnston and Charlie Lauschner conducted the raffle, Gene pulling the tickets and Charlie doing the rest. While drawing, Gene stirred the tickets up

violently in the hat they used, and remarked: "This is rough on someone's hat." Thereupon Charlie said: "It's yours!" And it was.

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OUR MEDAL AND ORDER AUTHORITY, Anna Panosh, has been giving lectures on medals and orders, her latest ones being at the Altrusa Club, and the Daughters of the Confederacy. Her talks were reported in the San Diego Union.

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Lew Panosh tried to get some free second hand glory from Anna's talks. He wrote a suggested article for the newspaper and headed it "Wife of Prominent Numismatist to Speak" - but he didn't get away with it. The headline was toned down.

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The 1952 proof sets are not yet ready. Frenchy Vignault wrote for them, and received this information.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK will be April 18-24, and Jim Crouthamel has appointed Lew Panosh as chairman to take care of whatever we want to do this year. In the past couple of years we haven't done so wonderful; maybe we can do better this time. We used to put on good exhibits several years ago.

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OUR EXHIBITS - While we have had some nice displays at meetings, there are not as many as we would like to see. In order to encourage more members to show material, Atwood MacDonald has offered to donate a cup to be given to the exhibitors putting on the best displays. This cup will be given each month, and the winner can hold it one month, then it will be available for the next show. After a member wins the cup three times, he may keep it permanently.

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But until it is won three times, you will have to take it out of hock each month before the meeting.

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NO FLOATING BOWL? - On a direct question from Charlie

Lewis[illegible], Atwood said the [illegible] would be EMPTY.

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Atwood also donated a framed motto for our hall, the wording being:

"A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault with what he had done"

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

WESSELS, John	San Diego
HOWARTH, Mrs. Lillian	" "
WALRATH, Mrs. Gail	Vista

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The ladies outnumber the men in this list.

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Speaking of lady members, one of our most faithful ones, Mrs. Mary Bowler, was absent from the last meeting. We sincerely hope that she wasn't ill, nor that anything else was wrong.

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As for illness, we missed Emil Johnson at the last three meetings, and we now learn that he had to undergo an operation. He has returned home and is recovering rapidly - and we are glad to know that.

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Incidentally Emil has moved again, and now lives at 6135 Lake Murray Blvd., La Mesa. We once said that Emil had to move because his neighbors objected to his hammering on silver and copper all night; maybe that happened again.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next program of this organization will be a talk by Mr. Johns on "Coins Relating to Medicine", on April 18. At present we do not know which member will be host so cannot give the meeting place; but interested parties can obtain full information on this and other programs from Mr. Earle K. Stanton, 1102 California State Bldg., Los Angeles 12, Calif.

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THE HERMIT OF SKUNK HOLLOW bought his new car a little too soon; he could have got a far nicer one. A San Diego visitor had one with snakeskin upholstery, gold plated trimmings, nickel plated engine, etc., etc.

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It was only $10,000 too. But if we had $10,000, we'd sooner spend it for coins.

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While the Hermit's new car ain't got no snakeskin upholstery, he might equip it with skunkskin upholstery. That would tend to discourage any trafic cop who might lean in the window.

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While we aren't attempting to boost the insurance business, we do suggest that you get your coins insured - if they are not yet covered. There have been a number of coin robberies in the last couple of years, one of them resulting in the death of Mr. Bull. The crooks might be after you next.

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No doubt many of you are interested in the forthcoming coins of Queen Elizabeth II. All we know at present about this is the following which appeared in "Seaby's Coin and Medal Bulletin":

QUEEN ELIZABETH SPECIMEN COIN SETS - It is not yet known whether these will be issued later this year or next year. Directly a decision has been made we will announce it in this Bulletin. If they are not to be issued until 1953 it is certain that there will be no other proof sets or crowns this year.

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On page 1 we said that we might be so sleepy that we would fall asleep during our meeting, if it was held the day after the convention ended. We'll bet that then our English friends at Spink's would sure think we had slowed down a lot.

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We are pleased to say that we now are catching up on these Bulletins, and hope to stay on schedule now. If we don't have any more hard luck, that is.

standard remarks by non-collectors the first time they see a lot of ancient coins:

(1) Why, they're not at all round
(2) How do you know they're genuine?
(3) Why don't you polish them?
(4) If they are that old, they must be worth a lot of money

To the last remark, we have a standard answer. We show them a denarius and say: "Yes; here's one 2000 years old and it cost 75¢. If I keep it for another 2000 years, it should be worth $1.50".

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Who was the first coin collector? Various people have been named, but perhaps that distinction belongs to Augustus, the first Roman Emperor. At any rate, Suetonius says that Augustus gathered various unusual coins and used to present them to his friends during the Saturnalia when it was customary to distribute small gifts; coins of all sorts, says Suetonius, even those of the ancient kings of Rome and of foreign nations.

Mention of coins of the ancient kings of Rome brings up an interesting question, because no such coins have ever been identified. The earliest known Roman coins are attributed to 336-311 B.C.; the writer believes that there is some ground for dating them considerably earlier, but this is too complicated a matter to discuss here. Anyway, the date could hardly be pushed back to 510 B.C., the date of the expulsion of the last king, Tarquinus Superbus.

Still, the statement of Suetonius is definite enough. But can he be believed? We found out long ago that he can't be believed on some other matters, so maybe we will have to disregard his statement regarding Roman regal coins. However we see no reason for disbelieving the rest of his statement - that Augustus gathered and distributed old and foreign coins.

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DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL BULLETIN: April 10

While in Santa Rosa, we must make at least one visit to the meeting place of the Redwood Empire Coin Club. It is in the tap room of Grace Brothers Brewery, and that sounds like a swell place to meet.

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Maybe we'd better make our call there on the last day of the convention; otherwise we might not get out in time for anything else.

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Los Angeles is famous for having its city limits extending for miles out from the city. But according to the "Calcoin News", they extend even farther than we thought. Anyway, that magazine lists the Classical Collectors as "Los Angeles Area". Now one member, Mr. Mason, lives at Palmdale 70 miles northeast of Los Angeles; and the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, another member, lives 116 miles southeast - so you can see how far Los Angeles now has expanded.

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Of course if Los Angeles knew that the Hermit of Skunk Hollow was in their territory, the city would cut that part off.

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If you want to argue about anything in this here Bulletin, meet us at Santa Rosa.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 5 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER will be on our June meeting night, Monday, June 2. We will have it at our usual meeting place, Dartlee Hall, using a caterer to supply the food and everything else necessary. So none of us will have to do any work - a very attractive feature. It is estimated that the cost of the dinner will be about $1.75 per person.
Plans have not yet been completed, but we expect to be able to give them to you in the next Bulletin. At any rate, the program will be much along the lines of past ones - a good dinner, a numismatic program which probably will include the last part of Dr. Ray Wilson's talk on Mexican coins, other entertainment, and above all, a nice exhibit of coins, medals, etc. For the best displays, ribbons will be awarded, so plan now to bring some specimens to show. Also plan to bring yourself and your friends. This is one of the two great annual events of the S.D.N.S., so we hope everyone will turn out for it.

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The program at our April 14 meeting was another showing of slides of the Newell Visual Educational Committee of the American Numismatic Association; this time of U.S. commemorative half dollars. As with the other series, the slides showed the coins in wonderful detail. Atwood MacDonald had intended to give the accompanying comment, but unfortunately he had had a very bad cold and was still hoarse, so Dr. Bruce Wallace took on that job. And as usual, Dr. Ray Wilson furnished the projection machine and ran it.

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When the slide showing the Grant half dollar with star was shown, Irving Knickerbocker pointed out a way to detect forgeries of the star. There is a

minute die defect at the chin of the portrait that is constant on the genuine coins; if this is missing, the coin is really one without the star, but on which the star has been forged.

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Frenchy Vigneault is getting up in the world; he was in charge of the meeting (in his capacity of vice president). President Jim Crouthamel was missing, as he had to meet the missus, who was due to arrive from an eastern trip.

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He was afraid that the little girl would get lost in the big city if he wasn't there to meet her.

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We are going to lose our other colonel - but only for a year, we hope. Col. Robert Devitt will leave in June for Newport, Rhode Island. He says he is going to school there for a year, and is not certain if, after that, he will be returned here or sent elsewhere.

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The idea of a colonel going to school sounds kind of funny to us. We thought that colonels knew everything; at any rate, that idea was firmly (very firmly) impressed on us very early in our own military career.

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"ONLY A WORKING GAL" - You may be surprised to learn that Anna Panosh has started working at Marston's. But there is a simple explanation. She finally bought a decoration she has been hankering for for a long time; the Rose of Brazil. So now she has to get busy to raise the money to pay for it.

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We had remarked on Mary Bowler's absence from the March meeting; she now explains that she was in Hollywood at the time. You just can't keep these gals out of that town.

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She once more brought a lot of her fine home made candy to distribute at the meeting, which was greatly appreciated. She is a first class candy maker.

We were glad to see Emil Johnson at our last meeting, the first he was able to attend since his operation.

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"LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MY OPERATION" - In reply to a question as to whether the operation was necessary to recover a coin he had swallowed, Emil said that if so, it must have been a piece of Swedish plate money, judging by the way the doc sliced him.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Paul Boltz: German paper money
Gene Johnston: 1803 over 2 $5 gold piece; commemorative gold; gold type set; commemorative half dollars
Irving Knickerbocker: Cents; proof sets; commemorative half dollars
Atwood MacDonald: Scottish coins
Lew Panosh: Commemorative half dollars arranged on a U.S. map in the places they commemorate
Louie Walrath: 1948 over 1 dime; set of trade dollars, all proofs or uncirculated
Dr. Bruce Wallace: Cents; half dollars; dollars; foreign gold
Tom Ward: Roman Republican silver

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Then we saw one of the displays marked with a sign saying "Member of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Numismatic Society" we thought we had some prominent Scotch numismatist present that night. But it turned out to be only Atwood MacDonald.

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Paul Boltz, our treasurer, assures us that the German paper money he showed is not the funds of the S.D.N.S.

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So we guess it is just some that his bank took in by mistake.

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Maybe we ought to give Louie Walrath a warning. His wife, Gail, was wearing a foreign decoration as a

dress ornament. Now when Lena Panosh first did that several years ago it started her collecting them things - thus involving the Panosh family in an additional source of expense.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce that the next program will be at the home of Dr. H. A. Rosenkranz, 835 South Kenmore Ave., Los Angeles. The doctor will speak on Napoleon and Napoleonic medals; he is a distinguished medal collector, so this should be a very interesting session.

At the last meeting, Mr. Johns spoke on medicine and related matters in numismatics, including the few coins and many medals depicting doctors. It was a fine talk, the result of obviously extensive research in the subject. Merle Stanton and Tom Ward also showed Roman coins with Apollo, god of medicine, Salus, and similar appropriate designs.

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CONVENTION REPORT - It really is becoming monotonous to report that California State Numismatic Association conventions are good; they all are. This last one at Santa Rosa was no exception. There were the usual nice displays, a good auction, many fine coins offered for sale by dealers present, good meals and entertainment, and the presence of a genial crowd of collectors it was a pleasure to meet. In a way, that is the best feature of all conventions.

Registrations totalled 122. This includes only the members and their guests; not just casual visitors, of which there was a considerable number.

The majority of the members attending were from the north; those from the south were unusually few. The San Diego County delegation, for example, consisted only of the Panoshes, the Knickerbockers, and Tom Ward. Possibly this was because the convention was so far north - the farthest north point at which any convention yet was held. But those that did attend found it well worth while - they always do.

We congratulate the officers of the C.S.N.A., the convention committeemen, and the officers and mem-

bers of the host club, the Redwood Empire Coin Club, for their success. They did a lot of work, and deserve thanks. Particular congratulation is due to Ed Fogler, the committeeman in charge of the whole works.

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While distributing thanks, there is a man whose work, while not spectacular, deserves gratitude and which was a big help. We mean Erich Wehrling, who undertook the installation of the auxiliary lighting system so necessary to give us good light. That was a lot of work, even for such a competent electrician as Erich.

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Many fine prizes were raffled off, among them being a radio, a wine bottle lamp, a cocktail set, several chests of cigarettes, candy, a pressure cooker, and numerous lots of coffee and tobacco.

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The next convention will be at San Bernardino in the Arrowhead Springs Hotel late in October. The Merced Numismatic Society has asked for the following convention at Merced and are likely to get it; but naturally that will have to be decided at the next convention.

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The convention got good local publicity in Santa Rosa by both local papers and the radio station, and we were wlcomed officially by the acting mayor, Alexander McClusky.

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Official convention business was light. The same officers were elected to serve another term, with the exception of one governor. Herbert M. Bergen was elected to that office, replacing Gene Johnston who wished to retire.

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Dave Redfield, chairman of the resolutions committee, presented a resolution protesting the multiple issues of late U.S. commemorative coins, and the way in which they were handled. The resolution was approved.

Roy Hill suggested the preparation of an advance prospectus for future conventions, to give all pertinent facts and information so that everyone would be thoroughly familiar with these before the actual convention date. Riy was named as chairman of a committee to work on this, with Dr. Nathan Bowers to assist him.

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Bill Sexton pointed out that the C.S.N.A. will be 5 years old next February, and suggested a convention timed to fit this anniversary. The board of governors will consider this.

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We often have heard of people "losing their shirts" for coins, but the first time we actually saw this was at the banquet when Frank Galvin tore off Ralph Mitchell's shirt.

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He really was justified though; it was in reprisal for Ralph's clipping off the ends of Frank's necktie.

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Sounds like a kind of rough party.

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Gosh; we hope that the staff of Spink and Son, Ltd. of London doesn't read this. Our English friends would get another headache trying to visualize the Fellows of the Royal clipping neckties and tearing off shirts.

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Ken Allen was in charge of the entertainment at the banquet, and he shanghaied his wife for part of it. She played the piano. Then he had 3 other very good acts; two good singers, a burlesque on a young doctor performing his first operation, and a very skilled magician. All of the acts were liked very much.

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After seeing the way that "doctor" treated his "patient", we must say that Emil Johnson is lucky that he didn't employ him.

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CONVENTION EXHIBITS

CHAPMAN, Guy L.: Type set of U.S. gold; 1879 metric dollar, one of only 5 made; $50 gold complete; quarters and other minor U.S. coins including 1856 Flying Eagle cent; specimens of crude gold as mined (FIRST AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

PATTERSON, R. C.: Silver of Leopold I ("Hogmouth") of Austria; type set of U.S. proofs; Lincoln cent freaks and misstrikes (FIRST AWARD FOR FOREIGN COINS)

REDFIELD, David: Roman Imperial portrait coins, displayed with pictures of Roman scenes (FIRST AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

PANOSH, Mrs. Anna M.: Medals and orders, chiefly Asiatic but also others including U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor (FIRST AWARD FOR MEDALS)

GJUROVICH, Rudy: U.S. paper money of all kinds, including broken bank bills, fractional currency, etc.; Colonial and Continental currency (FIRST AWARD FOR PAPER MONEY)

FOGELBERG, Arthur: Minor U.S. coins, very well written up (FIRST AWARD FOR JUNIORS)

ALLEN, Ken P.: Types of U.S. gold; other U.S. gold of all denominations; large showing of pioneer and territorial gold (SPECIAL AWARD)

CHILS, John E.: Commemorative half dollars, arranged according to the historical and biographical events depicted, and well described (SECOND AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

STRAUCH, Milton C.: Confederate half dollar restrike; European silver; crowns; foreign gold; coins of Russia and her satellites (SECOND AWARD FOR FOREIGN COINS)

DOMINGUEZ, Francis: Crusaders' coins of Cyprus, 1285-1473; literature of the 1951 Madrid Numismatic Exposition (SECOND AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

HILL, Roy: Coins of Finland; fractional currency;

foreign paper money (SECOND AWARD FOR PAPER MONEY)

OLSWANG, Dennis: Canadian coins, both of the Dominion and the Provinces; Canadian tokens; Chinese money sword (SECOND AWARD FOR JUNIORS)

BLOOM, Clifford H.: Typical foreign gold, ancient, medieval, and modern

BOWER, Commander H. F.: Chinese coins, chiefly odd shaped pieces; natural and artificial cowries used in ancient China; map of China with coins attached, indicating locations of origin

[illegible], [illegible]: Clearinghouse notes; silver assay bars; miniature California gold brick

[illegible], Irving B.: Roman, Spanish, British, and Portuguese gold

LO[illegible]T, Kurt [illegible]: Ancient Greek silver, many very fine and rare pieces; Roman and Italian Aes Grave (earliest cast bronze coins)

[illegible], Clipper E: Jefferson nickels and Mercury and Roosevelt dimes, all taken from ordinary circulation in the Santa Rosa area.

OSTROM, Everett: Foreign medals, chiefly military, including the British Waterloo, Arctic, etc.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB: Crowns of many nations

STELLE, Colonel Charles: Early U.S. dollars, matched for condition; Confederate half dollar restrike

THOMPSON, Thomas: Medieval and modern English and British coins, including many Maundy proof sets

WARD, Thomas W.: Roman Imperial portrait coins

WEHRLING, Erich: Unusually large and thick coins, such as 4 and 5 taler pieces up to 3½ inches in diameter; many of 2 and 3 talers; Roman Aes Grave; a 50 real piece of Philip IV of Spain weighing over 5 oz.

WEEDE, Henry T.: U.S. commemorative gold; California gold; type set of U.S. gold; proof sets

While there were not as many exhibitors as usual, those that exhibited evidently showed more material, as all the cases were filled, plus the extra ones brought by Commander Bowker and Rudy Gjurovich.

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The display judges were Dr. Nathan Bowers, Erich Wehrling, and Ralph Mitchell - and we don't envy them their job. It is tough to judge these things.

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We noticed that a couple of Erich Wehrling's multiple talers were counterstamped "2" and "4" respectively. Doubtless Erich stamped them himself so he could remember their denominations.

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ANOTHER RED? - Milton Strauch's display included a lot of Russian and Russian satellite coins - so naturally he was awarded a red ribbon.

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ART DEPT. - Of course we wouldn't dream of the judges' being influenced by anything extraneous; but could the fact that Dave Redfield's display included pictures of nude slave girls cause them to give that display unusual attention?

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The commemorative half dollars of John Ohls were not arranged chronologically by issue dates, but according to what they commemorate. That is, there was a group commemorating discovery, another for colonization, another for the development of the west, etc. We do not recall ever seeing them arranged this way before.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow is going to sue Ed Fogler for $3.50. After the Hermit paid that amount to park his car in a public garage, Ed THEN gave him a slip entitling him to free parking.

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TRAVEL NOTE - Several times we have commented on collectors who seem to take long routes to get anywhere, and now we must add the Davidsons to the list. They came to Santa Rosa via Redding and Eureka.

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AUTOMOTIVE SECTION - Now we know why Irving Knickerbocker keeps three Cadillacs on hand; it is to have a spare available when one busts down. He broke a starter switch on the way to Santa Rosa, and was delayed half a day in Oceanside.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow brought a suit to wear at the convention, but when he unpacked it, discovered that it was complete excepting for one detail; no pants. That must be a new low in absent mindedness, when a feller forgets his pants.

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Consequently the Hermit still looked like a bum at the convention, thus being more familiar to us.

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While the Hermit forgot his pants, Mrs. Leo Young really beat him. She forgot everything. She had a lot of clothes laid out ready to bring, and left them all.

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Of course this was good for the local women's clothing merchants, as she had to buy a new supply. But maybe it wasn't so good for Leo. He was making desperate efforts to sell enough coins to pay for his wife's new clothes.

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THE UNKNOWN - The earliest Roman coins were issued by a man named Anonymous, and Mr. Anonymous was at the convention in person. A feller stepped up to the registration desk, put down money for two registrations, and walked off before Ed Fogler could get his name.

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OUR INVISIBLE NUMISMATIC PROGRAM - We have seen speakers without audiences and we have seen audiences without speakers; but at Santa Rosa we saw a program with neither speakers nor audience, which is something of a novelty.

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What happened was that almost everyone, speakers and audience, went to a dive - we mean a cafe - for eats and drinks, and it took 'em all evening.

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"JIGGERS! THE JOBS!" - Rudy Gjurovich took his job as sergeant at arms seriously. He came in his uniform as a Santa Clara cop.

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OUR GLAMMER GALS - A hair styling demonstration was put on for the ladies, and among the models selected were Anna Panosh and Ruby Lee.

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After they were all fixed up, Kenny Lee failed to recognize his wife, and Lew Panosh was kept busy trying to identify the fellers who whistled at his.

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WEATHER REPORT - The Santa Rosa weather bureau went to some trouble to make the San Francisco people feel at home. They provided rain the last day of the convention.

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A NEW INDUSTRY IN ONTARIO (California; not Canada) - Doc Damons forgot to bring the locks for the display cases, this resulting in Frank Galvin's accusing him of preparing to open a locksmith's shop with the association's property.

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Well, that's about the story on the convention. But anyway the "Calcoin News", the C.S.N.A. magazine, will give you the full dope later. However we'll bet that it won't print a lot of the above information.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 2 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER

This dinner, one of our two most important annual events, will be held on our next meeting night, June 2, at our usual meeting place, Dartlee Hall. Service will begin at 7:00 P.M. The charge will be $1.75 per person, all expense included. Reservations are necessary; Secretary Anna Panosh is mailing cards asking the number of reservations you will require. Please answer these promptly. Bring your friends and make reservations for them - or ask them to make them directly to the secretary.

A good dinner will be furnished. While the program preparations have not yet been quite completed, Dr. Ray Wilson will give the last installment of his talk on Mexican coins, and we also expect to have Abe Kosoff as a speaker.

One of the best features of these events is the display of coins, medals, etc, and so you all are asked to bring material to show. As is customary, ribbons will be awarded for the best exhibits.

Let's all turn out on June 2 for another good time.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

LIEFELD, Paul T.	San Diego
FOSS, Clive	El Cajon

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We were pleased to see a couple of members at our last meeting after considerable absences: Lt. Walter Luttner was back from Korea, and Roland Stokes has returned from a trip of several months in Mexico. Welcome back, fellers.

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But we missed Doc Ray Wilson; he was at a dentists'

convention in Los Angeles.

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THE TORREDOR - As our last meeting was held on the national holiday of Mexico, May 5, Francis Jones came dressed in a red satin jacket. Very appropriate.

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The donations for the meeting's raffle were made by Doc Bruce Wallace, Frenchy Vigneault, Louie Walrath, and Irving Knickerbocker.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Gene Johnston: 1806 over 5 quarter; several Pine Tree shillings; proof sets; old English indentures dated from 1740 to 1806 with coins and fractions of coins embedded in the wax seals

Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. proof sets; British proof sets; large and small cents

Lt. Walter Luttner: North Korean money and war bonds

Lew Ranosh: Medals and medallions

Frenchy Vigneault: Fractional currency

Dr. Bruce Wallace: Foreign and ancient gold; crowns; cents; commemorative half dollars

Louie Walrath: 20¢ proofs

Tom Ward: Medals of World War I

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The MacDonald cup was won by Frenchy Vigneault, to be held by him for a month. The previous month the cup was won by Louie Walrath with his trade dollars, but due to the unfortunate illness of Atwood MacDonald, the cup could not be actually delivered to Louie at that time.

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Lt. Walter Luttner denies that his North Korean bonds indicate that he is investing his money in North Korea.

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In describing Louie Walrath's exhibit as "20¢ proofs" we mean that 20¢ is the face value, not the cash value.

CORRECTION - The 1942 over 1 dime that we listed in last month's displays as belonging to Louie Walrath really belonged to Atwood MacDonald.

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We hope that Louie didn't try to get away with the dime on the strength of our misinformation.

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The usual lemonade was not served at the meeting. Lew Panosh has been supplying the lemons from his own trees, and due to misguided generosity, he ran out of lemons. He gave them all away. When Mattie Knickerbocker told him that lemons were selling for 7¢ each, he said, "Golly, I've given away a small fortune!".

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Although there was no lemonade, Helen Dixon brought the ice as she always does. Which moves that old iceman, Irving Knickerbocker to inquire if she has an icemen's union card.

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ELOCUTION DEPT. - When Anna Panosh read the minutes, Mary Bowler remarked that ladies always speak more distinctly than men. Can this be because the ladies get more practice?

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ALIBI - At last we know why the Hermit of Skunk Hollow habitually keeps his sleeves rolled up. The custodian of Dartlee Hall counts the spoons after our lunches.

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THE LEUSCHNER STOCK FARM - Charlie Leuschner now has three horses wandering around over his property. As Charlie is by no means a horseman, we guess maybe he plans to start a glue factory.

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A new coin shop has been opened in Oakland at 404 - 12th St., operated by none other than Ed Fogler. Good luck with it, Ed.

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A HOT TIME AT THE KNICKERBOCKERS' - A tenant to whom the Knickerbockers rent one of their houses had the careless habit of collecting cigarette ashes in

paper cartons - and the inevitable happened. He collected some hot ones, starting a fire. The house was saved, but not before a hole was burned in the floor and considerable other damage done to the kitchen.

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In the latest scandal from Washington - we mean the one about cotton - mention is made of a letter signed "Eula". Now that ain't a common name, and so we immediately think of our Eula Crouthamel who comes from a cotton state and was east just before this thing busted out. How about it, Eula?

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow is distinctly improved. Having had all his top teeth pulled, he can't talk.

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GAY MAN? - The Hermit particularly wants to talk, as explanations are due from him. We brought a gal friend to the Santa Rosa convention; she had one leg in a cast, so ever since that the Hermit has to keep on explaining that he didn't bust the leg

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BUNGLE DEPT. - Last month we accidentally misspelled Roy Hill's first name as "Riy". It's too bad we did not spell it "Rye", because then we could refer to rock-and-rye and to Swiss on rye - which would have been puns right in Roy's taste.

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Actually we don't know why we should have headed the above paragraph as "Bungle Dept." when the bungles in this here Bulletin begin at the top of page 1, and end at the bottom of page 11.

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But that's your own fault for leaving it all for the half witted editor to do.

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OVERSEAS NEWS - Our English colleagues each year hold a National Numismatic Congress, much as we hold our conventions, the last being May 9-11. They have a few features that we would like to see at our own C.S.N.A. conventions. For instance, their program specifies a lunch for 84¢ and a dinner for $1.61. We

call this to the attention of the C.S.N.A. convention committee so they can arrange similar prices for our next convention.
Then the English registration fee is 70¢, so this is another figure for our own convention committee to shoot at.
The English hotel rates were quite attractive too; the highest is $2.85, including breakfast. Or one can stop at another good hotel for 98¢.
If the C.S.N.A. doesn't get busy on this price scale maybe we can save money by going to English conventions instead of C.S.N.A. ones.

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The banks now have signs headed "Coin Shortage" - and we must say it took them a long time to discover this condition, with which we have been familiar for years.

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LITERARY REVIEW - We read in the "Circulated proof" of the East Bay Coin Club that counterfeit bills have been dipped in coffee to give them an aged appearance. It is nice to know this, because if you get one it doesn't need to be a total loss. You can biol it and make yourself a cup of coffee.

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INFLATION NOTE - And we see by the "Calcoin News" that Ken Allen showed a lot of $50 gold slugs at the meeting of the San Jose Coin Club. As he is an official of Hill Brothers Coffee Co., we wonder if he got them in payment for cups of coffee.

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FISH STORY - The local papers report that the Scripps Institute of Oceanography dredged up a unique fish off of San Diego. Now we wonder if this is destined for the dining room of Atwood MacDonald's New Palace Hotel.

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The fish is described as being covered with blotches. All we know is that if Atwood ever served any blotched fish to us, we would promptly notify the Board of Health.

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Col. Joseph Moss, the prominent San Diego Numismatic Society member who is also president of the American Numismatic Association, writes us saying that when he reads about our antics, he feels as if he had actually been present at our meetings. We are glad that the colonel gets that reaction - and we hope to have him really present at a meeting some day.

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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION - Speaking of the A.N.A. reminds us that the convention this year will be at the Hotel Statler, New York, August 16-20. While this is a long way from our area, it is hoped that at least some of us will be able to make it.
If you are going, it is suggested that you make your reservations directly with the hotel as early as possible. And if you plan to exhibit, applications for use of cases should be sent to Martin F. Kortjohn, 10 East 40th St., New York 16, N. Y.
Election of A.N.A. officers for 1952-3 will be by mail ballot only. Nominations are open until June 15. Any A.N.A. member or associated coin club may make nominations; they must be in writing and sent to the Secretary, Lewis M. Reagan, P. O. Box 577, Wichita, Kansas before the above date.

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Dr. Charles Harback of Los Angeles has offered to speak at one of our future meetings, his subject being medieval coins illustrated by appropriate specimens. The doctor is a good speaker and has a fine collection of these coins to show, so watch for the date of his appearance. We'll let you know.

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CAUSE-AND-EFFECT DEPT. - We read that insanity is increasing in this country; so is the number of coin collectors. We lack the exact figures on both, and this kind of worries us; because what are we to think if both insanity and collecting are increasing in the same ratio?

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Anna Panosh is back at State College again, teaching Spanish.

PARKING METERS COIN RARE CENTS - Chicago (ACCN) - Motorists in the best American tradition, are proving their ingenuity in finding substitutes for coins with which to slug parking meters.
The Municipal Finance Officers Assn. reports that cities' parking receipt collections indicate that there is no end to what parkers will put in the slot as long as it runs the machine.
Collections from New York's meters, which were installed last year, have turned up a wide variety of coins other than the required dime. Of the 682 substitute coins, 98 have definitely proven worthless. However, the collection of foreign coins is one that would make numismatists envious. Among the coins taken from the meters was a 10-kopek piece minted in 1936 and bearing the hammer and sickle of the Soviets. Several old 3-cent U.S. coins minted in 1867 have also been found in the meters, along with transit tokens from various cities. The tokens have proved profitable to the city since they have been redeemed for 15 cents each, and, although the 3-cent coins command no premium from collectors, it is believed that the city may also be able to realize a profit from other coins in its collection.
Detroit, too, has acquired an unusual collection of substitutes for nickels in its parking meters. They have Hong Kong 5-cent pieces, Philippine 25-cent pieces, French 10-centimes, Mexican 5-centavos and German coins.
The meters have also offered up tool checks, bar checks and chunks of bar stock as well as washers. In fact, one clever parker, when finding that the meters wouldn't take slugs with holes in the center, took washers and carefully filled in the centers. Collectors commented that this motorist earned his nickel.
Rockville Centre, N.Y., reported collecting only 83 foreign coins last year, but reaped a harvest of 3406 Canadian coins, indicating that many of their citizens spend vacations in Canada.

- Los Angeles Journal

The previous article was brought to our attention by Earle K. Stanton. And here is another dealing with the hazards of coin collecting:

OLD COINS PUT SUSPECT IN JAIL - Possession of nine old coins landed Raymond M. Melworth, 18, of Los Angeles, in the jail yesterday. Detective W. G. Keyes said Melworth, accompanied by another man, tried to sell the coins at a loan shop in the 400 block on F. St., just before he was arrested.

Melworth is held pending investigation to determine if he was connected with the March 11 burglary of the home of Alexander F. Strep. at 3401 Riviera Dr., in which a score of collectors old coins, and $30 were stolen. Melworth said he obtained the coins from a friend.

- San Diego Union

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REINCARNATION - It seems to be an accepted fact that people get to look like what they are interested in; so Doc Wilson said your editor's profile looked like that of a Roman Emperor. Now before we decide if this is a compliment or not, we want to know which Emperor the doc meant.

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With our general build, he could hardly have meant that we look like Nero or Vitellius.

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Maybe he meant that we have a neck like Aurelian.

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Or a nose like Gordian III.

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Or he may have meant that we needed a shave that evening, so reminded him of Marcus Aurelius.

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SCIENCE AND INVENTION DEPT. - We still kind of worry about Doc Wallace's system of making slides by squashing coins into plastic with a hot flat iron. For instance, suppose the coin got stuck in the plastic and he couldn't get it out?

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Well anyway, in that case, he would have a permanently

mounted coin.

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Then again, the doc tells us that once after he set a hot iron on a coin, a patient came in, causing him to forget all about it for a long time. That made a mess of the job. Leaving a hot iron on a coin long enough might convert it into an Etrurian uniface piece, no matter what it started out as.

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Did you get the January number of this here Bulletin? The ones the secretary sent out all seem to have reached the addressees; but the editor also mails a few each month, and a couple of people told us they failed to arrive. So if you didn't get it, just give us a squawk and we'll mail another.

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That is, if you want this darned thing in the first place.

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A NEW BOOK ON MEXICAN COINS is nearing completion; it is being written by Dr. Alfredo A. Pradeau, an outstanding authority on this series. It will be a three volume work in spanish, financed by the Mexican government, and collectors of Mexican coins (like our own Doc Wilson) can look forward to a fine reference work. Not only should numismatists be grateful to Dr. Pradeau for undertaking this monumental task, but the Mexican government too should be commended for this very enlightened project

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - At this writing we do not know the program for the next meeting of this group, May 16. But if interested you can obtain this information from Earle K. Stanton, 1102 California State Bldg., Los Angeles 12, Calif.
While this organization is composed of people interested in all ancient objects, coins form an extremely large portion of their interests. Of the 48 lectures given by this group since its formation, 23 had coins as their principal subjects.

COINAGE DURING FEBRUARY, 1952:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	$ 905,000	$ 120,000	$
Quarters	692,000	630,000	1,577,000
Dimes	1,646,000	120,000	821,000
Nickels	156,600		
Cents	179,350	133,000	722,900

Cumulative, January to February 1952 (pieces):

Half dollars	4,038,000	2,000,000	
Quarters	7,832,000	2,520,000	18,352,000
Dimes	18,060,000	5,600,000	8,210,000
Nickels	6,776,000		
Cents	41,000,000	25,900,000	146,805,000

The time is running out for a Pine Tree shilling commemorative coin, so we guess there won't be one after all. There has been much opposition to such a commemorative coin despite the fact that commemorative half dollars have been issued in celebration of less striking events than that of the first coinage in what is now the United States. That would seem to be something particularly appropriate for observation by means of a coin - but our authorities don't seem to think so.

If the Pine Tree shilling coin definitely falls through, perhaps it might be possible to promote the idea of a commemorative postage stamp to celebrate our first coinage. The Post Office has been very liberal with commemorative stamps, and so might consider the idea. Stamps illustrating coins are not new, although such stamps would be new to this country.

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THE INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS - We once kidded the Bay Cities Coin Club for meeting in a swimming pool; now we note that they no longer meet there, but at Santa Monica and Wilshire Blvds., between 7th St. and Lincoln Blvd. We didn't know they would take us so seriously.

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Our meetings now are getting good publicity in the local papers, and this publicity attracted several visitors to our last one. One of these visitors was a Navy chief petty officer whose ship had just landed that night after coming from Hong Kong, and he rushed right over to the meeting. So you might say he came direct to the meeting from Hong Kong.

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The Cheshire County (New Hampshire) Numismatic Society has issued a "wooden nickel" as a pine Tree shilling commemorative. Its face value is one shilling (15¢). It may be obtained from the society's treasurer, C. A. Wims, 224 Elm St., Keene, New Hampshire for 15¢ each, plus postage.

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We'll close by reminding you once again about the annual dinner, June 2, 7:00 P.M., at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego. Be sure to be there, and bring your friends. And bring something for exhibit; we always have good displays that night, but we can't have them unless you furnish them. You should feel proud of your coins, medals, paper money or whatever else you collect, so give others a chance to admire them too.
Don't forget to make your reservations as soon as possible. We'll be seeing you.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 7 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.
Program: Dr. Ray H. Wilson on the later Mexican Colonial coins.

OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER was another pleasant gathering, at which all present enjoyed themselves. There was a good dinner, some very nice coin and medal displays, and interesting speakers. The latter were Abe Kosoff who gave a brief outline of the early history and development of coinage, and Dr. Bruce Wallace who spoke on the early history of the San Diego Numismatic Society. Atwood MacDonald brought the entertainers; an accomplished pianist and a team of skilled dancers.
Lew Parosh made the general arrangements for the dinner, and thanks are due to him for its success.
There were 52 present.
Frenchy Vigneault took on himself the job of doorkeeper and cash collector - without salary.
All of the cooking and service was performed by a firm of caterers, so we had nothing to do about the food but to eat it. However through sheer force of habit, Helen Dixon brought ice, as she usually does. This time she brought ice colored green; she must have thought it was a St. Patrick's Day celebration. We didn't get the names of all the guests, but among them were Karl Brainard, Chief Warrant Officer Raymond and Mrs. Raymond, and others. We were glad to have them all, and hope to see them again.

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Abe Kosoff began his talk by describing the earliest mentions of gold and silver in the Bible; then explained the development of the shekel from a weight to a coin of the same name, and demonstrated the evolution of the first true coin in Lydia. He then went on to describe the development of coinage

through Greek and Roman times to a late period, with a brief mention of the Chinese series. He displayed coins illustrating points in his talk. Abe always is a good speaker, and we enjoyed hearing him.

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Doc Bruce Wallace gave a short outline of our club history and our increase in membership and numismatic importance. It may be of some interest to repeat the list of club presidents as given by the doc; they are as follows:

1937-1943	Dr. Bruce Wallace
1944-1945	Eugene D. Johnston
1946-1947	Dr. Ray H. Wilson
1948-1949	Leonel C. Panosh
1950	Wayne Higbee
1951	Col. Stanley P. Newton
1952	James Crouthamel

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A jar filled with cents was given as a prize to the one making the closest guess as to the number of cents therein; Mrs. Macdonald won it.

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This was in spite of the way Paul Boltz carefully studied the jar to estimate its contents. Paul really should have been barred from competing, for a banker like him gives us professional competition. He has no amateur status.

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However that may be, Paul was way out in his estimate. But we'll bet that when you go to his bank for a loan, he can estimate your assets a lot closer.

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A number of other door prizes were given, but we don't know whether we should call the winners lucky or not. The prizes were rather startling. Being selected by Lew Panosh with his fondness for jokes, they consisted of such things as mechanical mice, large wiggly spiders, and other things that jumped at the "fortunate" winners.

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We'll bet that Lew don't get many ladies' votes next

time he runs for office.

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We mentioned that Karl Brainard was present, and we were very sorry to learn the reason he came alone. He reported that Mrs. Brainard had been struck by an automobile about a month previously, sustaining some broken bones and other injuries. At any rate, we are glad to say that she is getting along very well, and is able to move around on crutches, although still not well enough to come to our dinner. We missed her.

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EXHIBITS AT THE DINNER, in addition to the coins Abe Kosoff showed to illustrate his talk:

Lew Panosh: "Coins of Chivalry", that is of the Grand Masters of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem (Rhodes and Malta)(FIRST AWARD AND MAC DONALD CUP)

Atwood MacDonald: Coins of the Denver mint, illustrated with mint photos, etc. (SECOND AWARD)

Tom Ward: Roman sestertii (large bronzes) (THIRD AWARD)

Eula Crouthamel: Large paper money (FOURTH AWARD)

Jim Crouthamel: U.S. type set, proof and uncirculated

Gene Jihnston: U.S. historical medals

Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold

R. R. Stokes: Medieval coins; medals

Frenchy Vigneault: Broken bank bills

Dr. Bruce Wallace: Crowns of many nations

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The display of Lew Panosh was strikingly embellished. Beside each coin he had a card showing the colored coat of arms of the Master who struck that coin. Lew said he had a heck of a time drawing those arms, as he ain't no artist. Still, he made a good job of 'em.

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Scientific numismatists sometimes are confusing. Anyway, that's what Doc Wallace said about Doc Wilson. Doc No. 1, said that Doc No. 2 confused us by becoming

our first scientific president, and bewildering us with diagrams and maps of countries most of us never heard of.

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Abe Kosoff gave an example of a hypothetical payment by metal in bulk, if there were no coins. He said that suppose he paid a solid chunk of metal to Gene Johnston; then maybe Gene would pay it to Doc Wallace for something - but not until he had carefully chipped a few pieces out of it.

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Sounds like libel to us.

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Abe also said that in ancient times people carried their wealth around with them in the form of jewelry. That's nothing; a lot of 'em still do.

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Others bury their wealth away in coin collections.

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When Abe spoke about "mites", he kind of puzzled us. We always thought that mites were something that infest chickens.

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Doc Wilson will speak on Mexican Colonial coins at our July meeting, concluding his description of this series. Several times previously he was scheduled to make this talk, but it was postponed. This was no fault of the doc; he is a very patient man, and was quite willing to put it off whenever we had any other program for the night he expected to speak.

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Our August 4 program will be a talk on medieval coins by Dr. Charles Harbeck of Los Angeles. As we said before, the doctor kindly made the offer to give this talk and to show us his specimens, and now the date for his appearance has been set. As far as we recall, this will be our first program featuring the medieval series, so we look forward to an interesting evening on August 4.

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THE FALL CONVENTION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMIS-

MATIC ASSOCIATION will be October 24-26 at San Bernardino, with the San Bernardino Coin Club as host. The headquarters will be in the Arrowhead Springs Hotel about six miles north of the city, at Arrowhead Hot Springs. This is a beautiful resort, well worth a visit aside from the attractions of a numismatic convention. And the location is easily reached from San Diego.

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - Last month we gave you an outline of the program of this important event, and so here we will only list the candidates for office in 1952-1953:

PRESIDENT: Col. Joseph Moss
1st VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. J. Hewitt Judd
2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Col. James W. Curtis
SECRETARY: Lewis M. Reagan
TREASURER: Harold R. Klein
FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COARD OF GOVERNORS: Lillard W. Culver; Capt. O. H. Dodson; Joseph F. Maley; John H. Morris, Jr.; Leonel C. Panosh; Mrs. June Pond; E. Ward Russell; C. H. Ryan; C. C. Shroyer

Only A.N.A. members may vote for these candidates, and blank ballots will be mailed to each member prior to the convention.

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All of the candidates for the Board of Governors are capable people, but as our own Lew Panosh is one of them, we'll do a little mild electioneering for him: VOTE FOR PANOSH.

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Even if he doesn't distribute any election cigars.

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Or do any baby-kissing. No doubt he would do some baby-kissing of babies from 19 to 25 - only Anna might have something to say about that.

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We seem to have a club Don Juan. Frenchy Vigneault reports David Fillet strolling along with three girls. Evidently no rationing here.

COINAGE DURING MARCH, 1952:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	$ 426,254.50		3,387,000.00
Commemorative half dollars	1,003,146.00	3,001.50	3,001.50
Quarters	1,127.25	444,000.00	22,000.00
Dimes	184,450.90	545,000.00	922,000.00
Nickels	117,625.00	105,000.00	
Cents	183,795.00	16,000.00	502,550.00

Cumulativ , January to March 1952 (pieces):

Half dollars	4,890,509	2,000,000	6,774,000
Commemorative half dollars	2,006,292	6,003	6,003
Quarters	7,832,000	4,296,000	18,440,000
Dimes	19,904,509	11,050,000	17,430,000
Nickels	9,128,500	4,452,500	
Cents	18,379,500	1,620,000	50,2[illegible],000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

LITERARY REVIEW - Your editor is getting a bad reputation as a numismatic writer. The "Numismatist" reprinted our alleged improved system of coin classification and Mr. Stuart Mosher, editor of that magazine, said that it had all the earmarks of our work.

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Therefore if you read any goofy numismatic articles, we probably wrote 'em.

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The "Calcoin News" says that the average life of a $1 bill is nine months. Something wrong here; we never have been able to keep one that long.

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The Federal Reserve Board reports that money in circulation fell off 43 million dollars in one week. Well, they can't blame that on us; we ain't hoarding no 43 million.

Doc Bruce Wallace made page one in the San Diego Union. Well anyway, the doc's dog did. His spaniel, Topper, having been left in the car, chewed out one of the windows.

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So it looks like the Wallaces must be a pretty tough family, if even the dog eats glass and gets away with it.

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Or else the doc's Lincoln is very tender and tasty.

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However that may be, perhaps the doc should feed the dog better, so it wouldn't have to chew up the car.

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ANCIENT COIN FOUND: Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 5 (AP) - A Roman coin found by a man digging an excavation here was taken to museum authorities, who pronounced it a relic "probably from the years A.D. 38 to 60".

- Los Angeles Herald-Express

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We cannot quite understand how the authorities arrived at that date period. During that time only four Emperors reigned - from 38 to 41, Caius; from 41 to 54, Claudius I; and from 54 to 60, Nero. If the coin was well enough preserved to identify the Emperor, then it could be dated a lot more closely; in some cases to the exact year. And if it wasn't well enough preserved to tell who issued it, dating would be impossible.

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AUTOMOTIVE NEWS - Irving Knickerbocker - "Three Cadillac Knickerbocker" - just bought something that he has badly needed for a long time; another Cadillac. If this keeps on, he eventually will have more Cadillacs than coins.

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And he's got a lot of coins, too.

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We expect that his Cadillac No. 3 got dirty, so he had to buy a new one to replace it.

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But that ain't the reason Irving gives. He says that Mattie didn't want to bother cranking the windows of the other cars up and down, so he had to get a car with push buttons to operate them.

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Or, as the new car is a different color from the others, maybe he got it to match Mattie's new dress.

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At that, Mattie almost made him turn the new car back in as soon as they got it. Irving pushed the buttons to open a window and they all opened at once, blowing Mattie's hat off, and almost blowing her out of the machine.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting of this organization will be at the home of William Koonce, 4269 Fair St., North Hollywood. Mr. Koonce will speak on some subject not yet decided.

At the May meeting of this group, Dr. H. L. Rosenkranz gave a very fine talk on the career of Napoleon, illustrating it with a superb display of Napoleonic medals from his collection. Besides showing an extremely large varieties of medals of Napoleon, the doctor also showed many of Napoleon's family, his marshalls and other friends, his enemies such as Wellington, etc., and numerous French Revolutionary characters. The display moreover included such unusual pieces as tokens entitling the bearer to interview Napoleon, identification tokens of French Revolutionaries; and the conversation turning to Napoleon III, Dr. Rosenkranz brought out and showed a number of interesting satirical pieces of that Emperor.

Dr. Charles Harbeck brought and exhibited a number of coins with Napoleon's portrait, and William Koonce showed German Waterloo medals and decorations given tp officers who took part in that battle.

At the June meeting Dr. Harbeck spoke on the beginning of modern archaeology, especially the work of Winkelman at Pompeii and Schliemann at Troy. As the doctor said, this was too large a subject for ade-

quate discussion at just one meeting, but as far as he went, he was very interesting.
Dr. Rosenkranz brought a Waterloo medal by Pistrucci which he had overlooked showing at the previous meeting; it is said to be the largest medal ever struck, being about six inches in diameter, and is a beautiful and remarkable piece.

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HIGHER EDUCATION IN THESE UNITED STATES - The shrewdness of Philadelphia lawyers is proverbial, but we are afraid that one of them is falling down on the job. We mean that distinguished S.D.N.S. (also A.N.A.) member, Col. Joe Moss. Anyhow we see by the papers where a lot of Philadelphia college "students" have been holding one of those underwear riots along Chestnut Street in that city. Now Chestnut Street is the hang out of Col. Joe, and we can't understand why the colonel can't keep order at least on his own street.

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Then too we read of an earthquake in Philadelphia; what can the colonel be thinking about to let things like that happen?

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Unless the earthquake was caused by Col. Joe's violent action to restore order along Chestnut Street.

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We don't expect any riots at the coming A.N.A. convention; but if we do have any, no doubt the colonel will then have enough riot experience to handle it.

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That underwear stealing craze also hit State College in San Diego, and we want to know what our schoolmarm, Anna Penosh, proposes to do about that.

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Charlie Leuschner invited the Hermit of Skunk Hollow to dinner; but when the Hermit learned that Charlie's horses were missing, he declined the invitation.

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POSSIBLE ROMAN REPUBLICAN ANNIVERSARY ISSUES

Professor Michael Grant in his recent book "Roman Anniversary Issues" (1950, Cambridge University Press) lists various examples of Roman Imperial coins which bear evidence of celebrating historical and/or dynastic anniversaries. That is, the coins themselves indicate commemoration of the tenth, twentieth, fiftieth, or other anniversary of some event important in the history of Rome, or at least important to the Emperors who struck the coins in consideration. This characteristic of Roman Imperial coinage is something which strikes anyone who is at all familiar with it; but Professor Grant is, as far as we know, the first to deal with it systematically.

While Grant's work deals practically exclusively with the Imperial period, there is some evidence that many of the Republican denarii may be of the same character. Grant realizes this and mentions it; but dismisses it on the ground of the uncertainty of the actual dates of issue of many Republican coins. However taking the generally accepted dates of issues and making very slight adjustments, a number of these coins may be assigned to definite anniversary dates. The dates of Republican denarii have been modified several times since they first began to be studied seriously, so perhaps further modification may be in order. In fact, it might even be that the study of an event which the coin may commemorate may actually lead to a definite date for that coin.

At least one Republican denarius is definitely an anniversary issue. This is the common specimen of C. Plautius Hypsaeus which is generally dated as 58 B.C. The coin's inscription states that it commemorates the capture of Privernum by C. Plautius Venno Hypsaeus; this victory took place in 357 B.C., which would indicate the coiner's intention to observe a 300th anniversary.

Nor is this all; it may be a double anniversary issue such as Grant points out on several Imperial coins. For in 358 B.C. another ancestor of the

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coiner distinguished himself; C. Plautius Proculus defeated the Marsicians in 358 B.C. Therefore this coin fits two possible anniversaries, even accepting the traditional date. The variation of a year between the dates of the commemorated events does not weaken this suggestion, for, as Grant points out, it is nothing unusual for a coin to vary a year from the exact anniversary date. It may be a year earlier or a year later.

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Just to remind those of you who did not yet get any of the club's letterheads: they are still available from Lew Panosh.

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The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

- Proverbs 15:2

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And we think that is a very good note on which to sign off.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 4 at Dartlee Hall,
3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.
Program: Dr. Charles Harbeck on
Medieval coins.

We are fortunate in having Dr. Charles Harbeck of Los Angeles as our speaker at this meeting, and we are grateful to him for consenting to appear. We look forward to a fine talk and a nice showing of coins. The doctor is a careful student of numismatics and an experienced speaker - to say nothing of the fact that he is a regular fellow whom it is a pleasure to know. You will enjoy meeting him, hearing him, and seeing his specimens.

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Doc Ray Wilson got pushed off the program once more at our last meeting. Well, he's no doubt used to it by this time. The reason for the latest postponement of his talk on Mexican coins was the fact that we had the opportunity of showing the A.N.A. slides of medals struck by the Friends of the Medallion and the Society of Medallists. We had to use these slides while they were available.

Therefore instead of the doc, our speaker was the member who collects and is our best authority on these medals: Lew Panosh. Lew gave a very good talk in explanation of the medals, interpreting their designs and giving information about the characters and events depicted, and about the artists who executed the designs. He also gave histories and explanations of the two medal societies. Lew also discussed medals in general, pointing out how often their art was superior to that of coins. This is due to several factors. An artist working on a medal design is free from several handicaps involving coins. He usually has a larger surface for work, this making more detail possible. He also has a more

free choice in inscriptions, so much of coin surface being preempted by the space needed for national names, statements of value, mottoes, etc. Then too, much higher relief is possible on medals than on coins.

To illustrate his talk, Lew showed numerous specimens of the medals of both societies, many of them being items not shown on the slides.

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As Doc Wilson operated the projection machine while Lew talked, maybe we should credit him with half of the talk.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Gene Johnston: A die proof impression of the large $5 Federal Reserve note; 12 fine Japanese medals and decorations; foreign gold; crowns

Irving Whiskerbocker: U.S. gold; U.S. proof sets; British proof sets; crowns; commemorative half dollars

Lew Punch: Medals of the Friends of the Medallion and the Society of Medallists in illustration of his talk

Louie Walrath: "S" and "D" mint dollars in new plastic frames of original design, including 1935 specimens with both 3 and 4 rays

Tom Ward: Coins of the Roman Emperor Severus Alexander

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Louie Walrath's display was awarded the MacDonald cup.

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However, Louie thinks that the U.S. mint done him dirt in striking both Morgan and Peace dollars in 1921, as this makes it impossible for him to classify the coins the way he wants to. If he shows only Peace dollars, the 1921 date is incomplete. But if he includes the 1921 Morgans, then there is an odd dollar that won't match the rest of the series. Louie

tried to solve the problem by including the Morgan with the Peace dollars, but fencing them off in a small separate frame.

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Gene Johnston's Federal Reserve die proof impression showed both sides of this note, serial number in zeros, nicely mounted in a picture frame, and bearing an explanatory description signed by the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. A very unusual piece.

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The above list of displays is kind of skimpy, and we would like to see more material at meetings. So how about YOU bringing something next time? Everyone has something that others don't have; so why not bring them to show? Any real numismatist should be proud of his specimens anyway, and should welcome the opportunity of showing them to others. And our meetings gave you a chance to both show your stuff, and to see that of others. Let's have a long list of displays next month.

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President Jim Crouthamel being late at the last meeting, Frenchy Vigneault presided. Now we must remember to have Treasurer Paul Boltz deduct one day's salary from Jim and give it to Frenchy.

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And speaking of Jim, last month we accidentally omitted the fact that his display got the special award at our dinner; we hope he accepts our apologies.

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TRAVEL NEWS - Anna Panosh visited her old home in Denver; that is where she met and married Lew. We suppose she wanted to visit the old romantic scenes, and to see again the tree where Lew carved her and his own initials, etc.

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Or did she go back to chop down that tree?

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Now that we have got on the subject of chopping down trees, we warn you that if you visit Mary Bowler you

want to watch out that she doesn't put you to work doing just that. Anyway when her daughter visited her, that's what she made the gal do.

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And we'll bet she didn't have no lumberjacks' union card, neither.

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Master Sergeant Lang is back from Japan, we are glad to say. He hasn't yet been able to come to a meeting, but he made a visit to Gene Johnston's joint and sold him a nice lot of coins and Japanese medals. Some of them were included in Gene's display at the last meeting.

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In case any of you want Charlie Kappen's present address, here it is: Major C. V. Kappen, 0305259, Army Section, MLLG, Formosa, A.P.O. 63, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

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P.S. - Charlie don't like that romantic island of Formosa. From what he says, we gather that Dante should have included a canto on Formosa in his Inferno.

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Courtney Coffing (who now lives in the swamps of Louisiana) in a letter to Secretary Anna Panosh, refers to this here publication as the "Skunk Sheet". Well, we suppose that's as good a name as any for it.

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Which reminds us: after the Santa Rosa convention, Anna sent a marked copy of this here Bulletin to each C.S.N.A. member we mentioned in our convention number. She must have been trying to get us involved in libel suits or something.

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Leo Young of Lockford acknowledged his copy, saying that he liked the story about his wife and her missing clothes.

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So far we ain't heard from Mrs. Leo on that subject though.

COINAGE DURING APRIL, 1952:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	$ 230,056.00		2,075,000.00
Quarters	1,528.00		
Dimes	611.20	136,000.00	1,147,000.00
Nickels	80,905.00	299,000.00	499,200.00
Cents	9,311.00	104,000.00	494,350.00

Cumulative, January to April 1952 (pieces):

Half dollars	5,350,621	2,000,000	10,924,000
Commemorative half dollars	2,006,292	6,003	6,003
Quarters	7,838,112	4,296,000	18,440,000
Dimes	19,910,621	12,410,000	17,430,000
Nickels	10,746,600	10,432,500	9,984,000
Cents	19,310,600	12,030,000	99,690,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

HERALDRY DEPT. - Doc Wallace now has a new title; we mean in addition to his long standing one of President Emeritus of the San Diego Numismatic Society. It is:

His Magnaminity Sheik Doctor Bruce L. Wallace, Divisional Supreme Monarchos of the California Division of the Ancient Mystic Order of Samaratiana of the United States and Canada.

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Almost as long as the coin condition descriptions dealers sometimes use.

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Despite all the verbiage in Doc Wallace's new title, he's still "Doc" to us.

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Incidentally Doc missed the last meeting; we don't know why. Very unusual. Too bad that Colonels Newton and DeWitt both have gone east, or we could court-martial him for absence from his duty station.

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There ain't no justice. At the last meeting all the

ladies admired Mrs. MacDonald's new style of hair-dress; yet none of 'em said anything about the hair-cut we had just got that day.

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Maybe they were too polite to.

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QUESTION-AND-ANSWER DEPT. - Our esteemed contemporary, the "Circulated Proof" of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland asks for answers to a series of questions. Some months ago we printed a glossary of numismatic terms which we thought would settle all coin questions forever; but as the "Circulated Proof" wants additional information, we are happy to take up this problem. So here are the questions, with their correct answers:

Q. What is a freak coin?
A. A dollar which will buy a dollar's worth of merchandise.

Q. What is a planchet?
A. A little triangular table which the spooks help you push around on a ouija board.

Q. What is a restrike?
A. When the steel workers went out on a strike after returning to work from a previous one.

Q. What is an overstrike?
A. When that strike is over.

Q. What is a reeded edge?
A. The swampy edge of a lake with reeds growing in it.

Anybody got any more questions?

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Mattie Knickerbocker tells a story about a lady who broadcasted a cooking receipt; she says she would be glad to do that with her punch formula, but can't. Because she never quite knows what she is going to put in the next batch, nor how it will turn out.

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CANDIDATES for election at the New York convention were listed here last month. And the July "Numismatist" lists them in detail, with their qualifications. They all are capable people and any of 'em would be an asset to the organization; but perhaps we better explain why. So here goes:

FOR PRESIDENT:

Colonel Joseph Moss. Those of us who have had any military service know that colonels are just naturally the right guys to run things. They ran us for several years. And how! Moreover Colonel Joe is a lawyer, and it is obvious how useful a lawyer will be to numismatists. If you get in trouble passing counterfeit money or anything like that, get Joe to get you out.

FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:

Dr. J. Hewitt Judd. The doc is an eye specialist, and therefore here is another man who can be of great service to us. When you sprain your eyes looking at coins, he should be able to fix them up for you. We mean fix the eyes, not the coins.

FOR SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:

Colonel James W. Curtis. He is a psychologist, and we don't know of any specialist that numismatists need more than a psychologist. Unless it is a psychiatrist. If Jim will only apply himself to figure out why collectors collect, he will have solved one of the world's great problems.

FOR SECRETARY:

Roy Hill. Otherwise known as the "Flying Finn", due to the restless way he flits around the country. This should enable him to keep in touch with A.N.A. members wherever they live. That is, if he would only stay in one spot long enough to get acquainted with anybody.

Lewis M. Reagan. Lew is secretary now, so he's really running to stay where he is. Sounds like a treadmill operation. Anyway, he is a math-

ematical expert and should not only be able to figure out our income tax reports for us, but also might report on why a coin is priced as uncirculated when you buy it, and only very good when you sell it.

FOR TREASURER:

Harold R. Klein. A logical man for treasurer. He is a banker, and that should guarantee the A.N.A. funds; if they start running too low, he can always make up the deficit from his bank.

FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

Lillard W. Culver. He is principal of a high school, and therefore qualified to tell people what's what, and keep them in line. And anyone who can govern a bunch of modern high school kids should be able to govern numismatists.

Capt. Oscar H. Dodson. He is a U.S. Naval captain, although we often have wondered how he gets his ship to sea from his home in Urbana, Illinois. A "ship of state" obviously needs a captain, and so the "ship of the A.N.A." could use one too.

Joseph F. Daley. A sales executive. Therefore he is just the feller we need to "sell" the A.N.A. to the public. Or we might put him to work selling our duplicates on the best basis.

John H. Morris, Jr. He is a plumbing contractor. Right at the moment we can't think of an appropriate use of a plumber, unless it would be to supply the lead to make coin castings. Or if we have any busted coins he might solder them together for us.

Leonel C. Panosh. We hardly need to say anything about him, as we all know him so well. He is the feller who holds down more jobs at once than a Hindu idol with six arms. So he's always prepared to take on another one.

John Jay Pittman. A chemical engineer. Obviously another useful man, as he should be able to concoct a fool-proof coin cleaning compound

for us, something we haven't yet discovered. And we could send him our gold coins to get his verdict that they ain't gold after all.

Mrs. June T. Pond. Unfortunately we don't know the lady personally, so all we can say is that if we elect her, this will put some refining feminine influence on the board. Which can always be used. But would we make a waitress out of her, as we do with the S.D.M.S. ladies?

E. Ward Russell. Please ignore the handicap of the name "Ward"; he ain't no relative of the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, so the name shouldn't be held against him. He is a Naval Ordnance man, and so should be a "big gun" in the A.N.A.

C. C. Shroyer. An electrical engineer. Here is a man who should be able to solve, once and for all, our problem of properly lighting coin displays. And he might fix the wiring so as to by-pass the meter, so we wouldn't have to pay for the electricity.

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And now that we have explained the merits of all the candidates, we wonder if we should send them bills for political advertising.

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MORE POLITICS - Now that the Republican convention is all over, it occurs to us that maybe us numismatists missed an opportunity. We ought to have made them include some numismatic planks in the platform.

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For example, Doc Wallace should have demanded that they do something about his idea of multiple commemorative cents.

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Then too, Col. Joe Moss might have got after them to make 'em promise a commemorative Pine Tree Shilling. Of course it now is too late for this centennial of that coin's issue; but Joe might have got them to promise one for 2052.

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That's a long time away, but that's the very reason

why politicians might be willing to make the promise. They should promise anything as long as they don't have to make it good for 100 years.

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In fact, it looks like we will have to wait that long for politicians to make good some of the promises already made.

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However, the Democratic convention is yet to come, and so we still have a chance to use our influence - if any. Get prepared, fellers and gals.

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As a bribe to the politicians, we might suggest that if they will give us the coins we want, they might use a donkey for reverse (if Democrats) or an elephant (if Republicans).

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There are precedents for the use of these animals; the donkey occurs on a Jackson token, and the elephant on several Roman coins.

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Moreover the elephant could be used as an emblem of an administration hand-out; it was so used on a coin of Antoninus Pius inscribed MUNIFICIENTIA AVG. This could easily be modified to MUNIFICIENTIA PRES, and so do for either party.

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To go back to the matter of commemorating the Pine Tree Shilling: we previously remarked that if we couldn't have a coin to celebrate it, we might get a stamp. The post office is far more liberal in commemoration of historical events than the mint is, and some commemorative stamps have been produced on very short notice. Therefore it might still be possible for us to promote a stamp yet this year. Other nations have shown coins on stamps.

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A problem occurs to us regarding Lt. Walter Luttner's North Korean War Bonds. Will Paul Boltz cash them for us at his bank?

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS will hold their next meeting on August 15 at the home of Earle K. Stanton, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles.

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We don't want to criticize Irving Knickerbocker's choice in automobiles, but we really think that the last Cadillac he bought is not the right model for his purposes. He carries so many coins around with him, that he needs a panel truck.

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Or an armored car.

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Roy Hill tells us that considerable progress now has been made on the idea of an advance prospectus for the next California State Numismatic Association. That convention, we remind you, will be at the Arrowhead Springs Hotel San Bernardino, October 24-26.

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Our article "Possible Roman Republican Anniversary Issues" got squeezed out this month, what with all our political remarks and other stuff.

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And ain't you glad?

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 8 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif. Please notice the changed date to miss Labor Day. Program: Dr. Bruce Wallace will show motion pictures of his Arizona trip.

At our last meeting we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Charles Harbeck speak on medieval coins, and seeing the exhibit he brought in illustration. The doctor began by defining "medieval", demonstrating the extent of this period compared to others. He explained that a vast number of coins were struck during this period in various classes - Byzantine, Moslem, European, etc. - and that his remarks applied chiefly to the latter, although he also dealt briefly with Byzantine and Moslem coins, showing various specimens of both. The doctor pointed out that, even confining himself to the European series, it was impossible to do more than barely scratch the surface of such a large subject in a single talk.

Dr. Harbeck explained that the reason for medieval coins being usually small was the chronic shortage of metals at that time. He spoke of the English series, remarking on the great variety of mints and mintmasters, and mentioned the practice of breaking or cutting a silver penny into two or four pieces to serve as half pennies and farthings respectively. This was necessary due to the fact that hardly any coins but silver pennies were struck. The cross with which most English pennies were marked formed a convenient division mark for breaking or cutting. The doctor said that the cross and other religious emblems such as figures of saints, etc. were very common on medieval coins, due to the immense influence of the Roman Catholic Church. The figures of saints follow the example of Byzantine coins. Most

medieval coins are of inartistic workmanship, the doctor said, until the latter part of the period. At that time art improved, and generally speaking, the work of the Italian artists was the best. Italian coins of good design and workmanship were struck by the various free cities as Venice, Milan, Florence, etc.; by many dukes and other nobles; and by the Popes. Bracteats also were described and explained. All of this was illustrated with a fine showing of the pertinent coins comprehensively labelled, and by pictures of churches, castles, and other medieval buildings and ruins. It was a fine show and a fine talk; we are deeply indebted to Dr. Harbeck for his kindness in coming to San Diego to put on this entertainment for us, and hope to have him again, either as a speaker or simply a guest. He will be welcome either way.

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Mrs. Harbeck came with the Doctor, and we were glad she did. Especially Mary Bowler; it turned out that both of these ladies came from Missouri, and found they had several mutual acquaintances.

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At our next meeting, September 8, Dr. Bruce Wallace will show colored motion pictures of his recent Arizona trip. Incidentally, that is where the doc was when he missed our last meeting, a thing he does so seldom that we commented on it last month. He began by attending the Indian Powwow at Flagstaff; then went on through Monument Valley, and the north rim of the Grand Canyon. Monument Valley is seldom visited, being off the main travelled roads and difficult to reach over poor roads. The doc and his party were able to visit it through the courtesy of their host at Cameron, who took them over the rough country in a jeep. The party, needless to say, included Mrs. Wallace and the Chamberlains. We have seen other pictures taken by the doc, and they always are good; so we anticipate a nice show. Remember, this meeting will be on September 8 instead of our usual meeting night, which falls on a holiday.

WESTERN HOSPITALITY - When the Wallace-Chamberlain party arrived at the Harry Goulding Guest Ranch, the place was full; no accomodations. So the owners moved out of their own quarters and gave them to these distinguished visitors. We don't know where the Gouldings slept; maybe out under the cactus amid the rattlesnakes and gilas.

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If the doc ever visits Skunk Hollow, we suppose the Hermit will have to move out and sleep amid the skunks.

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If the skunks don't object.

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING, in addition to the medieval coins brought by Dr. Harbeck:

Albert Conyne: A select lot of $5 and $10 gold

Jim Crouthamel: U.S. type set, proof and uncirculated

Mrs. Ruth Crouthamel: Large dollar bills with odd serial numbers, such as M3333, M4444, etc.

Clive Foss: "The Decline of the Roman Empire" illustrated with coins

Gene Johnston: Austrian and Hungarian gold; U.S. gold type set; 1812, 1813, and 1817 cents in excellent condition; U.S. proofs; commemorative half dollars

Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; proof sets; commemorative half dollars

Charlie Leuschner: Chinese bronze seals; large Chinese coin-shaped object, highly decorated

Lew Panosh: Latest medal of the Society of Medallists, its subject being the pioneer and showing a covered wagon and Pony Express rider

Dr. Bruce Wallace: German notgeld (paper money); U.S. gold; large and small cents

Louie Walrath: Set of shield nickel proofs in plastic

Tom Ward: Set of aes grave, the first cast bronze coins of Rome

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Gene Johnston, Karl Brainard, and Charlie Leuschner judged the exhibits, and awarded the MacDonald cup to the display of Clive Foss. This showed the gradual decline of Roman coins over several centuries; that is, the shrinkage in the size of the bronzes and the progressive debasement of the silver.

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The judges further stated that they would have liked to give a second prize to Jim Crouthamel, and a third to Louie Walrath.

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We are pleased to see that maybe our plea for more displays maybe had some effect; at least there were more displays than last month. Keep it up, fellers and gals.

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Among those present at the meeting, we were pleased to see Karl and Grace Brainard; especially Grace as she is only now getting over the bad injuries she received several months ago through being struck by an automobile. She is getting along quite well, although still showing some effects - which, of course, we hope will soon wear off. She said she was glad to come to the meeting and we sure were glad to have her; not only because she always is welcome, but because her visit showed how far she had recovered.

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When we told Grace that she souldn't have tried to stop an auto by getting in front of it, Thelma Case said: "But you ought to have seen the car!"

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Grace asked us if, while she was laid up, her husband Karl came to meetings alone or with someone else. All we could so was to refuse to answer that question on the constitutional grounds of incriminating ourself.

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To say nothing of incriminating Karl.

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Clive Foss was elected Junior Vice President at our last meeting. This means he is in charge of junior activities.

COINAGE DURING MAY, 1952:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	$1,403,156.00	146,000.00	318,000.00
Quarters	2,078.00	111,950.00	
Dimes	689,831.20	555,000.00	2,221,000.00
Nickels	326,415.00	67,800.00	655,300.00
Cents	83.00	123,000.04	271,700.00

Cumulative, January to May 1952 (pieces):

Half dollars	8,156,933	2,292,000	11,560,000
Commemorative half dollars	2,006,292	6,003	6,003
Quarters	7,846,424	4,743,800	18,440,000
Dimes	26,808,933	17,960,000	52,088,312
Nickels	17,274,900	11,788,500	30,974,300
Cents	19,318,900	24,320,004	126,860,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

FOOLING OUR EXPERTS - A party called at Gene Johnston's store to sell him twebty 1914-D cents; Gene happened to be out, so this man went on to Doc Wallace's and the doc bought the coins for, we understand, around $20 each, subsequently selling some of them to Irving Knickerbocker. Gene also tried to buy some from the doc, but by that time he had promised resales, and couldn't part with any more of them, to Gene's disappointment. End of Act 1.

Act 2 begins with the sudden discovery that the coins weren't 1914-D cents at all; they were specimens with altered dates. The dates had been changed from either 1924 or 1944 (there is some disagreement which), and done with so much skill that detection was almost impossible even under a lens. Moreover they had been toned so carefully that there was not the slightest discoloration to arouse suspicion.

Doc Wallace gave Irving Knickerbocker his money back of course, and is promised his own back from the seller, who claims that he in turn received the coins from someone else.

FINANCIAL NOTE - Last month we suggested that Treasurer Paul Boltz should deduct a day's pay from President Jim Crouthamel due to Jim's being too late to conduct the previous meeting. Now Jim suggests that Paul also should deduct a day's pay from himself because he was not there that night at all.

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Sounds reasonable to us.

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Lew Panosh is a brave man. When Secretary Anna Panosh read the minutes, he got up and made her change one word.

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To make a gal do that seems to us quite a feat.

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But we have no record of what Anna may have said to Lew later.

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Lemonade instead of punch was served at our meeting. We wonder if Mattie Knickerbocker switched from punch to lemonade on account of what we said about her being so uncertain of her punch formula.

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Incidentally Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Chamberlain offered to take over the preparation of our lunches for a while, relieving our faithful cooks and waitresses, Mrs. Knickerbocker, Mrs. Walrath, and Mrs. Mac Donald. We want to thank all these gals.

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Some months ago we told you about the trouble Frenchy Vigneault had with his right arm; we had hoped that was all over, but it seems he will have to have another operation on it. There still are some bone splinters that have to come out. We certainly hope it will get fixed up this time with no more complications.

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Charlie Leuschner is having sewer trouble. We don't mean with blocked-up sewers or anything like that; but the county is running a new sewer line along his street and across part of his property, so that he is all surrounded with ditches and other obstacles. He

has to leave his car a block away, and skip home over ditches and dirt piles like a chamois or mountain goat.

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So if Charlie ever fails to show up at a meeting, we'll know where he went; down the sewer.

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A new record for mental sluggishness has been established by the Hermit of Skunk Hollow. He had a busted jaw for five weeks before he discovered it.

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Of course when there are so many people anxious to bust one's jaw, sooner or later one of 'em is going to do it.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce that their Sept. 19 meeting will be held at the home of Dr. Gleason L. Archer, 618 Hermosa St., South Pasadena. Dr. Archer will speak on "The Influence of Babylon in the Near East". The doctor is Professor of Biblical Languages at the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, and is an outstanding authority on Near Eastern languages and history.

Other coming programs are:

Oct. 17 - Dr. George Landegger will speak on "A European Odyssey" at his home, 2220 North Catalina St., Los Angeles. This will be illustrated with colored motion pictures taken by the doctor on his recent trip in Europe and North Africa.

Nov. 21 - Prof. Wallace Todd will speak on "Stained Glass Windows" at his home, 4616 Alumni Ave., Los Angeles.

At the July meeting of this organization, William Koonce gave a very informative talk on the art of Greek coins. Besides being a collector of this series, Mr. Koonce is an artist and architect and therefore fully qualified to discuss art and its application to coins. He began with a discussion of artistic problems in general, and the difficulty of giving an accurate and comprehensive definition of art; the experts disagree. Mr. Koonce used some of his own creations, water-colors of buildings, to demonstrate artistic

effects sought. He displayed numerous fine specimens of Greek coins arranged to show their development from the archaic through the period of finest work and then through the decline, with a branch to outright barbarism. He also discussed the careers of some Greek coin artists, as far as they are known. In addition to his genuine coins Mr. Koonce showed a long series of British Museum electros; some fine Byzantine gold; a number of foreign orders and decorations; some antique coin scales with weights; box talers; a highly decorated German hunting sword; and other curios. Carlo Stanton also showed some fine specimens of coins of Sryacuse and Rhodes.

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MONKEY BUSINESS? - Doc Harbeck said that prior to coming to the meeting he visited the San Diego Zoo, and was impressed by its magnificent collection of animals. He said he was especially intrigued by the monkeys, and enjoyed watching them for some time. While the doc was too polite to say so, we can't help wondering if he deliberately studied those monkeys in preparation for his appearance before the S.D.N.S.

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To sort of familiarize himself with the audience, as it were.

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"BON VOYAGE" - As far as we know, our only members who will go to the A.N.A. New York convention are Lew and Anna Panosh, and Karl Brainard. We wish we were going with them, but as we can't, we'll simply wish that they have a very good time and the A.N.A. a fine convention. We feel that both will be true.

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What has become of Emil Johnson? We rarely see him since he became a country gentleman. Maybe he can't leave the cows and chickens long enough to come to a meeting.

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If so, he ought to get a baby-sitter for them.

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LITERARY REVIEW - When the "Calcoin News" printed a

picture of Earl Parker, was there any significance in the fact that there was a picture of a bull on the opposite page?

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FICTION DEPT. - We cull the following gem from a work of fiction - "FICTION" belonging in capital letters:

"He now picked up a coin that, in a little blue velvet plush box, lay to one side of it. This coin was silver and it was a shekel plowed up on Mount Zion and coined during the time of Moses and Aaron in about the year 1490 B.C. Worth, as a mere shekel, about sixty cents today in American money, this simple little disc bearing Aaron's head on one side, and a shepherd and his flock on the other, was worth several thousand dollars when the right coin collector came along. And Joch had bought it himself in Jerusalem for exactly $1,100."

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Wonder how long he would have to wait for the "right coin collector".

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Joch's purchase would indicate there is no limit to what a tourist will fall for.

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Oh well, the thing would probably be worth a buck anyway as a curio. So Joch would be out only $1,099.

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Ain't it funny that when Abe Kosoff gave his talk on Biblical money, he didn't mention that issue?

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Then in another story we find "the image of George III newly cut on the King of Spain's throat" on a Spanish gold dollar.

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That must have been one of those "golden pieces of eight" that we sometimes read about.

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Speaking of counterstamped King George III heads on Spanish dollars, here is a doggerel poem of the time these coins circulated in England. The "Jervis" referred to is Admiral Sir John Jervis who won the

Battle of Cape St. Vincent against the Spaniards in 1797.

The additional head on the dollar impressed
Is to circulate Jervis's fame;
To his valor, 'tis owing, it must be confessed
England made an impression on Spain.

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But evidently the English had a low opinion of both kings if one can judge by another contemporary jingle:

The Bank of England, to make its dollars pass
Impressed the head of a fool on the head of an ass.

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To encourage exhibits at meetings, maybe we should give other prizes in addition to the MacDonald cup. A lot of us are in businesses and professions which could make some things available as prizes, so we suggest the following donations:

An auto tire made of plaster of Paris, to be donated by Jim Crouthamel.
A round trip between San Diego and Quincy on the hurricane deck of a lumber truck, to be donated by Lew Panosh.
A gas and/or electric motor which runs backward, thus entitling you to a refund each month, to be donated by Abe Beck.
A hole in the ground, suitable for holding a telephone pole or piling, to be donated by Louie Walrath.
The privilege of sleeping for one week on the roof of the New Palace Hotel, to be donated by Atwood Mac Donald.
A souvenir bottle of the air through which he used to fly, to be donated by Charlie Leuschner.
A live skunk to be donated by the Hermit of Skunk Hollow.
A bag of second-hand teeth, suitable for threading into a necklace, to be donated by Doc Ray Wilson.
A free license for your car, to be donated by Roy Hill.

There should be lots of competition for such prizes.

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DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER BULLETIN: September 10

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, to be held at the Arrowhead Springs Hotel, San Bernardino, Calif., October 24-26, is getting closer. So better start making your plans to attend. Also plan to exhibit something; exhibits are very important in conventions. By next month we expect to be able to give you an outline of the convention program.

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Once more the second installment of our article on Roman anniversary coins got squashed out, but we don't suppose you care very much. Probably you'd sooner read about Lincoln cents.

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Especially the kind we told you that Doc Wallace and Irving Knickerbocker bought.

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Numismatists always seem to get to the head of anything they tackle. We have a letter from Everett Ostrom on Kiwanis Club stationery, and we note he is the president.

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Any resemblance found herein to any living person is strictly coincidental.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 6 at Bartlee Hall,
3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.
Program: Ladies' night.

Please note that our next meeting, October 6, will be ladies' night, and so we hope to have all the ladies present. Many of our ladies are faithful attenders of meetings anyway and we know they will be there; but we want more of them. So bring your wife or girl friend that night. Or bring someone else's wife and all your girl friends.

We don't know yet exactly what kind of a program the ladies are setting up for that night; it is all in their hands - although naturally all of us are willing to help them. Anyway they are working on it, and not only the gals but the fellers as well, can look forward to another good meeting.

Perhaps a good exhibit for ladies' night would be a display of coins showing the portraits of famous women of history. We expect to have the A.N.A. Newell educational slides on that subject for that night; but maybe you have some of the actual coins you could show. For instance, coins of Christina of Sweden, Elizabeth I of England, Catherine and Elizabeth of Russia, etc.

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At our September meeting we showed the Newell slides of U.S. coins from half cents to 20-cent pieces. The talk in explanation was given by Gene Johnston who did it very well, and ad libbed considerably to improve the narrative. The projector was operated by Doc Bruce Wallace.

Following this, Doc Wallace showed a fine series of colored pictures, both in motion and stills, taken by himself - chiefly on his recent trip through Arizona and Utah with Mrs. Wallace and Sam and Mrs. Chamberlain. This included the Indian powwow at

Flagstaff and the colors brought out the Indian pictures very well, emphasizing the tribal costumes and decorations. The trip also included - and Doc showed pictures of - Monument Valley, a group of striking rock formations seldom visited due to the poor state of the roads. Besides showing remarkable and beautiful scenery, the pictures showed Navajos in their primitive home environments.

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Doc Wallace is active in quite a few organizations; but it was not quite clear to us if he was an official delegate to the powwow. If so, we couldn't identify him among the other Indians - unless he was the one wearing all the white feathers and floral drapery.

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One picture showed what we took to be a pair of beautiful Indian squaws, but on closer examination proved to be the Wallace-Chamberlain gals.

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Another one showed an Indian woman approaching the Wallace-Chamberlain party, and Doc said she had seen them near her goat herd and came over to see them. Could it be that she thought it was a party of goat rustlers?

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Doc also said that the old fashioned Indians are reluctant to be photographed, as they believe that having their pictures gives you a chance to do something evil to them. Maybe they are right; we know the police department can do that with your picture.

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There must have been a lot of Irish out in that country, because Doc so frequently mentioned Hogans.

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A NEW MEMBER WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

ROBERTS, Walter Chula Vista

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And as somehow we overlooked mentioning another new member when he joined several weeks ago, we hereby officially welcome Chief Warrant Officer Raymond,

U.S.N.C.

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But we guess he knew he was welcome anyway.

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CWO Raymond and Mrs. Raymond will miss our next meeting though. They are going on a month's leave, planning to visit as many of the national parks as they have time for. Maybe Doc Wallace's pictures inspired them. Anyway we hope they have a fine trip.

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Two more members who will miss the next meeting are Jim and Eula Crouthamel. Jim says they are going on an "aimless" vacation; that is, they are just going to drive wherever they feel inclined to at the moment. For them too, we wish a good trip.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Clive Foss: British coins, 1660-1950
Gene Johnston: Crowns, including a rare Mexican 1812 8-real piece
Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; proof sets; cents
Anna Panosh: Her trophies from the New York A.N.A. convention - cup, ribbons, etc.
Lew Panosh: Coins obtained at the New York A.N.A. convention - sets of Israel and India; "hat money"; feather money; etc.
Doc Bruce Wallace: U.S. type set
Louie Walrath: Morgan dollars, as usual in a fine plastic frame
Tom Ward: Roman Republican and Imperial silver

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The exhibit judges - Gene Johnston, Paul Boltz, and Atwood MacDonald awarded the MacDonald cup to Louie Walrath's display.

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The feather money of Lew Panosh consisted of small red feathers wound around a narrow spindle. At first we thought it was some new-fangled cocktail stick now used in New York. Lew also pointed out that his Israeli coins were proofs in a plastic frame just as issued by the mint, frame and all. There's something

for the U.S. mint to shoot at.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow shows a partisan spirit. He has often showed coins of Roman Republicans, but never any of Roman Democrats.

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Lew Panosh spoke briefly on the A.N.A. convention, which he and Anna attended. Of course a complete report will be given in the "Numismatist", but meanwhile it may be of interest to give some of Lew's remarks. He said that the California delegation was fairly large, considering the distance travelled. It was a very smooth and tranquil convention, one extraordinary thing being that not a single resolution was offered. So everyone must be satisfied. The exhibits were good, and the dealers' bourse was given an international aspect by displays of Spink and Son, Ltd. and B. A. Seaby, Ltd., both of London, and other foreign dealers. The auction brought good prices, one item given as an example being listed at $85.00 and actually bringing $240.00.

Anna Panosh was one of the prize winners, her foreign orders taking first prize in their class (which we always expect). Lew's display got an Honorable Mention - which is, he says, the best he ever expects whenever Anna exhibits too.

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A.N.A. officers elected for 1952-3 are:

PRESIDENT: Col. Joseph Moss
1st VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. J. Hewitt Judd
2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Col. James W. Curtis
SECRETARY: Lewis M. Reagan
TREASURER: Harold R. Klein
GOVERNORS: Capt. O. H. Dodson; John H. Morris, Jr.; Leonel C. Panosh; Mrs. June T. Pond; C. C. Shroyer

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Our congratulations to all of the above, who have our fullest confidence.

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As we said above, Anna Panosh won at New York - and

that ain't all. The local paper carried the news of her triumph, with a large picture of her as well.

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OUR NEW TELEVISION STAR - And that still ain't all. A couple of days after our last meeting she appeared on television (channel 6) speaking on and showing some of her decorations and orders, and answering questions about them.

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The main item on our last after-meeting lunch was a very fancy cake brought by Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Chamberlain - all decorated up with frosting flowers and ornaments. Maybe someone had a birthday, but we dunno who.

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Anyway the cake was demolished with great enthusiasm.

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Frenchy Vincault has had the operation on his right arm he told you he had planned; in fact, he still had the arm in bandages at the meeting. One large and four small pieces of bone were taken out. These broken pieces impeded his elbow action, and he hopes that this now is remedied. We hope so too.

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When Frenchy goes to the C.S.N.A. convention, it may be very important for him to have complete elbow action when in the bar of the Arrowhead Springs Hotel.

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One thing we hated to see at the last meeting was Charlie Leuschner's illness. He hadn't been feeling too well, and just before the meeting began he went into a shock; that is, a coma. He was brought out of it without too much trouble or delay and recovered good; he refused the offer of a ride home and showed no signs of discomfort or weakness the rest of the evening. He prowled around among the dealers' tables as usual.

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HOMERIC NOTE - The S.D.N.S. did not start the Trojan War, although we have two Helens - Stevens and Dixon.

COINAGE DURING JUNE, 1952:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars $	186,606.00		611,400.00
Quarters	1,059,303.00		
Dimes	1,518,321.20	148,950.00	1,577,000.00
Nickels	272,260.00		
Cents	5,732.00	12,600.00	

Cumulative, January to June, 1952 (pieces):

Half dollars	8,520,137	2,292,000	12,782,800
Commemorative half dollars	2,006,292	6,003	6,003
Quarters	12,063,636	4,743,800	18,440,000
Dimes	41,902,145	19,449,500	67,656,312
Nickels	22,720,100	11,768,500	30,974,300
Cents	19,968,100	25,580,004	126,860,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - Here are some of the plans for this event; very shortly the secretary will mail detailed information to members, including blanks for hotel and exhibit registry, etc.

The convention will be at Arrowhead Springs Hotel, San Bernardino, California October 24-26. The hotel is located at Arrowhead Hot Springs a short distance north of the city. Hotel rates are $6.00 per day per person.

Abe Mosoff will conduct a numismatic program on the evening of the 24th, with several able speakers. This will be followed by a card party for the ladies.

The convention officially begins at 1:00 P.M. on the 24th, when registrations open in charge of Mr. McArthur. Registration fee is $6.00.

On the 25th there will be a business meeting and an auction session with the times not yet definitely decided; the banquet will be the same evening.

On the 26th another auction session is scheduled and possibly another business meeting if necessary. Also

the lunch, at which Earl Parker will be master of ceremonies. Herb Bergin will be master of ceremonies at the banquet.
Entertainment at the banquet is in charge of John Lenker and at the lunch of Herb Feinberg.
Dr. Emmons is general chairman of the convention; Mr. Koops is in charge of the dealers' bourse; Bland Hayden and Bryan Burke, Jr. in charge of the displays. Dr. Nathan Bowers is in charge of the awards.
As usual ribbons will be awarded for the best displays, and the association feels that the method to be used this year will be an improvement over that of previous conventions, even though the previous method was satisfactory. The officers have gone to considerable pains to make careful distinctions of classifications in order that all exhibits may be judged in their own groups. They have subdivided displays into enough classes to make a really scientific classification, and to be sure that possible entries of some obscure series will avoid being misassigned, they have reserved an open classification. For example in the past there has been no class for Oriental coins (lumped with foreign), nor for medieval (lumped with ancient), and this new system will avoid that.
Therefore get out your exhibition material and show it; exhibits are, to our way of thinking, one of the most important features of a convention. We know you are proud of your coins, so let's see them - and you may get a prize besides.

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ATTENTION, BOTH OF OUR READERS: At our July meeting, in 1976, Doc Ray Wilson will give his talk on the later Mexican Colonial coins. We apologize for this slight delay.

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Ain't it kind of surprising that the Flying Finn didn't go back to Helsinki for the Olympic Games?

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He should have done very well in the cross-country leap.

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Speaking of leaping, Charlie Leuschner no longer has to leap over ditches and other obstacles to get home. The work is all finished - although now Charlie has to re-landscape his property to hide the scars.

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At that, we don't know why Charlie grumbled about having to clear obstacles; it should be easy for an old aviator like him to soar over them.

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Like "The Man on the Flying Trapeze".

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LITERARY REVIEW - Our esteemed contemporary, the "Circulated Proof" of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland officially bestows an orchid on your editor for answering their coin questions several months ago. No one ain't never given us no orchids before, so we are very much excited. We can hardly wait for this one to arrive, and so we meet the mailman every time his ox-cart comes down the road.

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The "Circulated Proof" also tells how one lady member of the E.B.C.C. was very successful in selling raffle tickets by calling the prospects "honey", "dearie", and so on. The fellers just couldn't resist such an appeal. So there's an idea for Gene Johnston when he peddles our tickets; he should concentrate on the ladies and call them "honey" and "dearie".

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Of course by doing that, Gene might be taking a chance of getting a punch in the nose by some indignant husband; but shouldn't a feller be willing to take some chances for the welfare of his club?

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REVIEW OF THE LABOR AND SALARY SITUATION - Did you know that Roman money is still being used to pay salaries? It's a fact. Clive Foss has been doing some work for Doc Wallace, and Doc has been paying him with Roman coins.

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We'd like to work for the doc on that basis, too. Provided we could name the coins we wanted.

THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce the following programs:

Oct. 17 - Dr. George Landegger will speak at his home, 2220 North Catalina St., Los Angeles. His subject will be "A European Odyssey", illustrated with colored motion pictures taken on his recent European and North African trip.

Nov. 21 - Prof. Wallace Todd will speak at his home, 4616 Alumni Ave., Los Angeles. His topic will be "Stained Glass Windows".

The August meeting was held at the home of Earle Stanton, and Prof. Donal Pheley, a practicing astronomer, spoke on ancient astronomy. The professor dealt with the beginnings of astronomy in Egypt, Babylonia, Greece and elsewhere, and took special care to correct some long lived and deeply rooted misconceptions about the subject. For example the idea that astronomy developed from astrology; he pointed out that astronomy was earlier, and that astrology was something of an entirely different origin. Contrary to general opinion, Prof. Pheley said, ancient Egypt was not greatly advanced in astronomy; the Egyptians did not have a mathematical system capable of application to complicated calculations. He also "debunked" much of the lore of the Great Pyramid. The professor believed that the Babylonian observations were the best early ones - if not the only scientific ones - and said that the antiquity of the Chinese observations was much exaggerated, many of them being of a late period but antedated. It was an interesting talk, well delivered, with considerable humor.

Tom Ward displayed Roman coins with astronomical features - the Julian star, the comet of the death of Caesar, various crescents and stars, Apollo as sun god and Diana as moon goddess, etc.; also a copy of Claudius Ptolemy's "Tetrabiblos" (on astrology). After the talk, Earle Stanton brought out several trays of fine Greek coins for inspection.

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In the July number of this here Bulletin we mentioned the donkey on a token, and it has been questioned if

this animal ever appeared on an ordinary coin. The answer is "yes". The head of a donkey is shown on several Roman coins as an emblem of the province of Dacia; also as a symbol on one type of Roman Republican denarius.

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CENSORED NEWS? - When reporting on the A.N.A. convention, Lew Panosh said nothing about a convention angle which we read in the "San Diego Union". That article says in part: "Plunging necklines that would shock even a Paris model will take on a note of respectability at the convention of the American Numismatic Association. Hans M. F. Schulman . . . said one of the highlights will be a display of coins tracing the development of the plunging neckline from the time of Queen Elizabeth I. The nine coins included in the display range from the under-the-chin collar of Queen Elizabeth to a breath-taking decollete worn by Czarina Elizabeth of Russia".

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Respectability indeed! A fine thing for numismatists to do, study necklines.

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And if the A.N.A. wants to see a plunging (or even plunged) neckline, why don't they look at a Lady Godiva token with the neckline plunged right off of the flan?

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OUR GARBLED GRAMMAR - It wasn't necessary for us to use the expression "doggerel poem" last month, as "doggerel" would have been sufficient. Therefore we were repetitious, redundant, tautological, and superfluent.

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Sometimes people say worst things than that about us.

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But believe it or not, we have a compliment by inference. The Los Angeles Coin Club is going to get out a bulletin edited by Doc Charles Harbeck, and the plan is to model it after this thing. That club must be hard up for a model.

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DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER BULLETIN: October 10

A couple of suggestions have come up about this here bulletin; what do you think of them? The first is to give the thing a name. Naturally various people have called it all kinds of things in the past five years, but we want a regular magazine name. Our personal opinion is that we needn't bother; it really is too late, as both of our readers have got used to thinking of this thing as merely the "bulletin".

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We might call it the "Skunk Sheet" - as Courtney Coffing does now.

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The other suggestion is that the Bulletin be mailed flat in an envelope. It seems to us that this is a question for the secretary to answer; it would mean a little additional work for her, and for future secretaries. The club too would have a slight extra expense for the envelopes.

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Now that we've given you some suggestions of others, here's one of our own - for the umteenth time. How about some of you writing some stuff for us to print?

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The article on the coinage of Colonial Mexico which Doc Ray Wilson prepared for the 1951 A.N.A. convention appeared in the August "Numismatist".

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 3 at Dartlee Hall,
3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

Our October meeting being Ladies' Night, we had more ladies present than usual, and we were very glad to welcome them. Among others were the mothers of Anna Panosh and Olive Foss, and Frenchy's wife. Frenchy said that he finally got her to come to a meeting after trying for ten years; however it is possible that she came to see where the heck Frenchy went every first Monday.

Gail Walrath took on the job of preparing the refreshments, and did a very good job at it. Among the items served were some of her home made cookies which were so good that even the Hermit of Skunk Hollow ate them despite his busted jaw.

Another refreshment item in which Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Walrath, and Mrs. Panosh cooperated, was a bowl of punch. That was quite a project. The ladies kept adding stuff from various bottles so that no two glasses of it tasted the same - but anyway all tasted good.

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For entertainment, another set of the American Numismatic Association's educational slides was shown, these being Famous Women on Coins and Medals. Lew Panosh operated the projector and Anna Panosh read the accompanying script - which made it kind of a Panosh-ish program.

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President Jim Crouthamel was absent, as he and Julia are still on their indefinite vacation trip. Therefore Frenchy Vigneault presided at the meeting, this giving him a chance to impress Mrs. Vigneault with his importance in our organization.

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Mattie Knickerbocker promoted a numismatic quiz for

the ladies; various coin questions were asked and each failure to answer a question retired one of the contestants. Helen Stevens proved to be the toughest competitor; she outlasted all the others and so was awarded the prize.

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That prize was a beautiful and unusual orchid donated by Doc Bruce Wallace - and we understand that the doc practically had to take it from his missus by force.

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Doc said that he would have brought more orchids, but unfortunately slugs had got into them. Of course if he wasn't so fussy, he could have brought them, slugs and all.

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Can you imagine the result of Doc's presenting slugs to the ladies? But anyway, that sounds more like a Lew Panosh stunt.

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Speaking of orchids reminds us: our esteemed contemporary, the "Circulated Proof" of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland now says that the orchid they awarded your editor was given to the [illegible] secretary. Well, that's all right with us: we are glad indeed to be able to give the real an orchid by proxy.

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In fact, we always are glad to give gals orchids when they don't cost us anything.

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We were sorry to see Dright Afford show up with his right hand in bandages, each finger wrapped separately; he says he got it in hot water. And you know how easy it is to get into hot water these disturbed days.

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Just look at the hot water some of our politicians are in.

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While we are on the subject of burned hands, one of the reasons this here Bulletin is late is that your editor also had a slightly singed hand, making it

difficult to type. A lady had some trouble in lighting a butane heater; with our well-known mechanical skill we showed her how. We lit it all right - with a flame about a yard long.

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But as for Dwight, Louie Walrath hazarded the theory that Dwight tried to pick up a coin, and got his hand stepped on.

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WHAT THE WELL DRESSED BANKER IS WEARING - If Paul Boltz becomes bored, he can always pass the time by playing checkers on his sox. The ones he wore at the meeting had a loud checked design, and were very much admired by the ladies.

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Well at least if they weren't admired, they certainly were noticed.

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Which ain't surprising, because they kept falling down over his shoes.

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Maybe Paul had stretched them by filling 'em with money.

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Doc Ray Wilson is a temporary grass widower; Florence is visiting Vancouver, British Columbia, the old home of the Wilsons. They took their son Allan to start him in Stanford University, and Florence went on north while the doc returned to San Diego.

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But he didn't return direct. He gave us a kind of vague account of a tour of the San Francisco night clubs he made before returning; perhaps the account was vague because that's the way he remembers it.

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Pub-crawling, it used to be called in the doc's old Canadian Corps days.

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Mary Bowler came to the meeting a little late, and explained the delay as being due to bum bus service. Immediately afterward, Sam Chamberlain also arrived.

Of course we wouldn't dream of suggesting that they were together some place; but it looks darn funny just the same.

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Then Mary distributed new cents to each member. Could this be a bribe to shut us up?

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When the raffle tickets were sold, Charlie Leuschner collected the money in an improvised tray. He looked like a cigarette girl!

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We didn't get the names of everyone who donated the raffle prizes, but among them were Doc Wilson, Doc Wallace, and Anna Panosh. We hope we didn't miss anyone - and we thank all the donors, even if we can't name them.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Mary Bowler: U. S. silver
Clive Foss: Goddesses on Roman coins
Irving Knickerbocker: U. S. proof sets; U. S. gold; commemorative half dollars
Lew Panosh: Portraits of famous women on coins
Frenchy Vigneault: Portraits of famous women on coins
Doc Bruce Wallace: Chinese dollars
Louie Walrath: 3¢ proofs complete
Tom Ward: Coins of Cleopatra VII and Roman Empresses showing various styles of hairdressing

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The exhibits were judged by Doc Wilson, Abe Rock, and Francis Jones, who awarded the MacDonald cup to Louie Walrath. Louie now keeps the cup permanently, having won it enough times.

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We must stop at Louie's house to see how a drink tastes out of it.

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We said that Abe Koseff would conduct a convention forum with "several able speakers". Sounds like we didn't think Abe was one. Anyhow, he is.

COINAGE DURING JULY, 1952:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	$1,306,253.00		1,081,000.00
Quarters	1,284,126.50		1,757,000.00
Dimes	850.60	641,000.00	2,125,000.00
Nickels	259,625.00	297,200.00	
Cents	11,535.00		

Cumulative, January to July, 1952 (pieces):

Half dollars	11,132,643	2,292,000	14,944,800
Commemorative half dollars	2,006,292	6,003	6,003
Quarters	17,220,142	4,743,800	25,468,000
Dimes	42,000,651	25,859,500	89,108,312
Nickels	27,912,600	17,732,500	30,974,300
Cents	21,045,600	25,580,004	126,860,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver

By the time you get this Bulletin, the California State Numismatic Association convention at San Bernardino will be going on, so it's no use in our making further announcements about it here. However in our next issue we expect to give you an outline of what happened - especially about the conduct of the S.D.N.S. members. The scandal, as it were.

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WITH GUN AND CAMERA THROUGH DARKEST SKUNK HOLLOW - On his way to the convention, Doc Ray Wilson is going to detour to Skunk Hollow to pick up the Hermit. Doc has all his plans completed, his bearers and pack animals hired, has obtained maps of the region, and believes that all precautions have been taken to make such a safari so far from civilization successful.

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The only misgiving Doc has is that when a stranger appears in Skunk Hollow, the natives might think him a revenooer, and open fire on him.

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This Lore Bulletin has another reader; that makes three. We mean Earl Parker. The reason we know is that he sent us a squawk about our remarks regarding his picture with the bull in the "Calcoin News".

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Earl wants to know if we think he is full of it. All we can do is to once more stand on our constitutional rights and refuse to answer on the grounds of incriminating ourself.

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We begin to sound like a witness at a Congressional investigation.

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Anyway, as regards Earl and the bull, we are going to blame Lew Danosh for that. After all, he is the feller who printed the two pictures in juxtaposition - if that's the word we want.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTOrs next meeting will be at the home of Prof. Wallace Todd, 4616 Alumni Ave., Los Angeles, November 21. The professor will speak on "Stained Glass Windows".

At the September meeting Dr. Glenn J. Archer gave an interesting talk on the ancient civilizations of the Near East - Assyria, Chaldea, Persia, and especially Babylonia. He told of the rise and fall of these empires and the careers of some of their kings. The lecturer also gave considerable information about the cuneiform writing of these peoples, demonstrating how it developed from hieroglyphics, and explaining how it was read. In illustration he showed many examples both on clay and photographic reproductions. One of the fac similes was that of the Code of Hammurabi, the oldest known written law.

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NOMINATIONS are coming up; they should be held at our November 3 meeting. So now is the time to start thinking of your 1953 officers, so you can nominate them. Don't let the big national election distract your attention completely from our own little club election.

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These remarks ain't directly connected with numismatics, but they are connected with history, and that in turn is so connected. What we are getting at is this: we just saw a motion picture of the last four years of the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero, and sat through the usual session of historical misinformation that we have learned to expect.
It would take more space than we have to tell everything that was wrong, but we might mention a few. The picture Nero remarked that he wished all the Roman people had one neck (to be cut); as a matter of fact, that was said by the Emperor Gaius (Caligula) at about the time Nero was born. Nero was shown as choking his wife Poppaea to death immediately before his suicide; he really had killed her long enough previously to have been married to another wife, Messalina. Nero's suicide was shown as in his palace in Rome with only Acte present; it really took place at the home of a friend four miles away, and only men were present. Tigellinus was shown as killed before Nero's death; but it was the second Emperor after Nero who killed him. We could add a lot more, but that's enough to give you an idea.
However we will admit that the Roman scenery was very well done in general, although too elaborate in spots.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 1 at Bertles Hall, 3600 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.
Program: Election of officers and a Christmas party.

ELECTIONS - President Jim Crouthamel has appointed Doc Bruce Wallace, Atwood MacDonald, and Abe Beck as nominating committee to submit names of candidates for office at our next meeting. We then will vote for our 1953 officers. Bear in mind that the names presented by the committee will only be suggestions; you can nominate others and vote for any member for any office.

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OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY - After elections, we will have a little Christmas party, this being our last meeting before Christmas. It is suggested that each member bring some small gift costing not over one dollar; or if you wish, bring more than one. These will be distributed at the party.

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - The San Bernardino convention now is past, and it is no longer necessary to say that C.S.N.A. conventions are good. That is the rule; they all are. But some are better than others, and the one at San Bernardino was one of the better ones. It was well attended - registrations totalled 171 - well conducted, the exhibits were fine, so were the talks, and everyone had a good time.

The convention opened with a numismatic forum, a series of talks in charge of Abe Kosoff. The speakers were:

Anna Marie Ponosh - She spoke on and showed some of her fine collection of foreign orders and decorations. She answered some of the questions she often is asked: "How did you start collecting?", "Which do

you like best?", and so on. Anna explained that she started by wearing the decorations as dress ornaments, but graduated from that stage quickly; her dresses wouldn't hold enough. Being always interested in Spanish culture, Anna began by collecting Spanish and Mexican orders, but she eventually took on everything from Serbia to China.

Bryan Burke, Jr. - His subject was "Coin Collectors of the Renaissance", and he told of the serious collectors of that period. Among them were Pope Boniface VIII who wrote letters to his bishops asking them for specimens of coins from their areas; Petrarch who probably was the first scientific numismatist; and Michael Angelo who collected coins and used their designs as patterns for sculpture. The first who amassed a large collection was Charles V; Charles VI also was an enthusiastic collector who had special cases built for his coins. Bryan said that this monarch eventually went insane, but he didn't blame the coins for that. Other royal collectors were Louis XIV of France and Charles I of England whose collection contained 4,000 gold coins, 10,000 silver, and 15,000 bronze.

Dr. William Fountain - The doctor spoke on medical medals and his search for these medals in Europe; they are hard to find. He said that many doctors collected coins and medals, not only in modern times but in past ages; Agricola was one. He mentioned Dr. Storrer who was invalided for fifty years, and during that time made an intensive study of numismatics, writing extensively on the subject.

Kenneth Allen - He lightened the serious side of the program by giving what he called "Magic in Money", a series of conjuring tricks and mind-reading demonstrations. He also urged the importance of having more displays at coin club meetings, a point on which we are in complete agreement with him.

All of the talks were good, and we are indebted to the speakers for an instructive and entertaining program.

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CONVENTION EXHIBITS:

MacDONALD, Atwood: Scottish coins; coins of the Denver mint, illustrated with photographs (FIRST AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

McBRIDE, Harold W.: "Coins Before Christ" - ancient coins of the Mediterranean area with a thread leading from each coin to its place of mintage on a classical map of those countries (FIRST AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

WERLING, Erich: Coins of Ferdinand II of the Holy Roman Empire, 1578-1637 (FIRST AWARD FOR COINS LATER THAN MEDIEVAL)

CRAIG, Alan D.: Korean coins in all metals, all periods (FIRST AWARD FOR MOST UNUSUAL SERIES)

HILL, Roy: Fractional currency; foreign paper money including a siege note of Mafeking; Confederate currency; stamp money of U.S. and Russia (FIRST AWARD FOR PAPER MONEY)

RUBY, Charles L.: U.S. dollars 1794-1839 including very many rarities; U.S. gold type set; Indian $2½ gold complete; large cents including 1793 (Var. 91) and 1795 (Var. 80), each being one of the finest known (SPECIAL AWARD)

BURKE, Bryan, Jr.: Greek silver including many unusually fine and scarce pieces (SECOND AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

ELLSWORTH, Burt H.: Coins of the world, chiefly crowns and multiples of crowns (SECOND AWARD FOR COINS LATER THAN MEDIEVAL)

BARRETT, W. V.: Fractional currency (SECOND AWARD FOR PAPER MONEY)

CAREY, Michael: A sestertius (large bronze) of the Roman Emperor Didius Julianus with a write-up of his career (HONORABLE MENTION)

ABRAMS, R.: European crowns, 1500-1800

BLACK, Mrs. Mary: Coins of Israel, illustrated

with maps, pictures, and souvenirs

BLOCK, Joe: Commemorative gold; commemorative half dollars; proof and uncirculated U.S. in all denominations, including a remarkable showing of Standing Liberty quarters, among them being the over-dates

BOWERS, Dr. Nathan A.: A new type of coin case suitable for carrying and quick dismounting to display its trays of coins

CULLEY, Earnest C.: U.S. gold type set

DRAPER, Fred E.: National currency issued by banks in and near Upland, California

FOGLER, Edward: Coins of Japan, especially those of unusual shapes, sizes, and fabric

FRASER, Vreeland H.: Commemorative half dollars; U.S. gold including a Stella; Proof 2¢, 3¢, 5¢ pieces and dimes

[illegible], Irving: U.S. proof sets 1856-1915 complete

KOSOFF, Steve: Commemorative half dollars

[illegible], Robert C.: Crowns, including some of military occupations and other necessity money

[illegible], Mrs. Anna Marie: U.S. military medals and decorations including a Congressional Medal of Honor; foreign orders and decorations

SMITH, Howard S.: Swedish plate money

[illegible], Don: Judean coins and Roman coins connected with Judean history. These included many coins of the Jewish kings and the Roman procurators

STRAUCH, Milton C.: Coins of the countries behind the "Iron Curtain", as Czechoslovakia, Hungary, etc.

WARD, Thomas W.: Historical coins of the Roman Republic

WILSON, R. A.: Bank tokens; a counterfeit detector

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As usual, this is only a brief summary of the exhibits; many other fine coins were shown.

The spring 1953 convention will be at the Hotel Tioga, Merced. Dr. Fountain spoke on plans for that convention, and said everything was being done to make it a success. He particularly pointed out that police protection would be no problem in Merced as several of the local police officers are coin collectors. The doc said he guessed they got that way by collecting coins from parking meters.

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The fall 1953 convention will be at the Hotel Mayfair, 7th and Witmer Sts., Los Angeles. Tentative dates were set for October 23-25, but those dates may be changed in order to make it a four day convention instead of a three day one. The idea of prolonging the convention for one day was suggested, and met with general favor. So the board of directors is going to consider this idea, and see what can be done. There will be several obvious advantages. Our present three day conventions begin late on Friday, continue through Saturday, and then begin to break up in the middle of Sunday. With an extra day, we would have two full days and parts of two others. This also would do away with one thing we always hate to see but which is unavoidable due to the distances people have to travel to get home; that is, the breaking up of the displays on Sunday so that visitors who come Sunday afternoon see half the cases empty. If we have a convention starting Thursday evening, we can invite outside visitors for Friday and Saturday, and thus they can see everything.

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Another matter referred to the board of governors for consideration was the suggestion to form a junior division, with dues set for $1.00 a year. We are all for anything which will encourage young collectors.

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It also was suggested that coin clubs be encouraged to make convention displays, in addition to those made by individual members. Dr. Nathan Bowers said that at present display cases were used to capacity and that additional displays could hardly be used.

But Dr. Calvert [illegible] said that the construction of more cases was being planned. The matter was left in the hands of the display and awards committee.

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A convention resolution much in line with previous ones was presented, that the Treasury strike and sell commemorative coins in the same way that the Post Office prints and sells commemorative stamps. Inasmuch as this would involve considerable legislative and other legal action, it was felt that it was out of our province. However the resolution was returned for resubmission in a form which might permit some action.

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Another resolution provided for the establishment of methods for expulsion of any undesirable member. The Hermit of Skunk Hollow thinks this was aimed directly at him.

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Dr. Bruce Wallace suggested that some spring conventions be held in southern California, instead of all the fall ones as at present. Supporting him, Atwood MacDonald said that the elections now always were made in the north. But Kenny Lee said that southerners got elected anyway. No action was taken.

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STYLE NOTE - At this convention, Mrs. Leo Young, Harry Davidson, and the Hermit of Skunk Hollow all remembered to bring enough clothes.

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At the card party for the LADIES, Don Juan Roy Hill won the prize.

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SCIENCE AND INVENTION DEPT. - Ed Fogler don't seem to understand modern machinery. He tried to get a drink of water from a new type of drinking fountain; first he couldn't get anything at all, and then he got nearly drowned.

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At the banquet, Don Dwyser read a fine paper on Pontius Pilate and his coins. John Lenker and his

gave a thrilling performance. Most of the prizes were won by ladies, this demonstrating our natural courtesy. However the guessing prize was won by Ralph Vogel who had just joined the C.S.F.A. that day.

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The prize was $10.00, and this leads us to a complaint. No one gave us $10.00 the day we joined.

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The dance after the banquet was announced as "Let Terpsichore rule". If you don't know who Terpsichore is, you can find her picture on the common denarii of Quintus Pomponius Musa.

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Anyway we didn't see her at the dance. And that ain't surprising; she must be a pretty old gal for dancing, because that coin was struck in 64 B.C.

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We guess that Earl Parker ain't considered much of an orator at home. Anyhow his daughter Jennie ate her lunch elsewhere, knowing that her pa was to speak at ours.

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Need a cop? Don't bother calling one; just call Lew Fancsh. Due to a misunderstanding there were no police guards at the exhibits most of the first night, so Lew, Fred Draper, and Bob McArthur stood guard until the cops came.

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Wonder what they would have done had some crook pulled a gun on them.

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We almost walked out of the lunch when we saw Roy Hill push in an xyllophone. We thought he was going to play it.

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Doc Wilson, with Florence and the two Macponalds, detoured through the hills to pick up the Hermit of Skunk Hollow. Unfortunately going around the mountain curves made Minnie Macponald ill; or should we say that a trip to Skunk Hollow would make anyone ill? We are glad that Minnie made a good recovery, and was

C K. throughout th convention.

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The doc didn't take the Hermit back; he shoved that job off on to Louie Walrath. Thus proving that one trip to Skunk Hollow is all anyone can stand.

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THE SAN DIEGO CITY AND COUNTY DELEGATION AT THE CONVENTION:

Mrs. Mattie Knickerbocker	R. R. Stokes
Irving Knickerbocker	Edward G. Manuel
Frank Hernandez	E. P. Cooper
Mrs. Irene Hernandez	Mrs. Margaret E. Cooper
Dr. Ray H. Wilson	Francis S. Jones
Mrs. Florence Wilson	Leonel C. Panosh
Atwood MacDonald	Mrs. Anna Merle Panosh
Mrs. Minni MacDonald	Mrs. Nelle Jones
Louis Walrath	Mrs. Cinta Dillon
Mrs. Gail Walrath	Sam Chamberlain
Thomas W. Ward	Mrs. Sam Chamberlain
Eugene D. Johnston	Dr. Bruce Wallace
Mrs. Marie Devlin	Mrs. Bruce Wallace
Miss Catherine Devlin	Harry Souchard

Also the following S.D.N.S. members who live elsewhere:

Mrs. Grace Brainard	Vroeland H. Fraser
Mrs. Thelma Case	Roy Hill
Earl Parker	Abe Kosoff
Kenneth Lee	Earl Brainard
Ralph A. Mitchell	Edward Fogler
Chris Petersen	

Hope we didn't miss anyone.

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We also were told that the ghost of Emil Johnson was present; that is, he was seen for a few seconds, and then vanished.

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And now we got to get at our own S.D.N.S. stuff before we get to running out of space.

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At our last meeting Lew Panosh gave a convention report - although he said there were so many S.D.N.S. members at the convention it didn't seem necessary.

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Francis Jones liked the convention hotel so well that he stayed there a week later. He denies that this was because he couldn't pay his hotel bill and so get away.

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What he wanted to do was to sample all the different kinds of baths at Arrowhead Springs - hot, cold, mud, mineral, steam, and so on. He took so many baths that perhaps we now should call him Sir Francis Jones, Knight of the Baths.

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We missed the Knickerbockers at the meeting, and were very sorry to learn that the reason was a death in the family.

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Then too, we are sorry to say we have lost a member through death; Walter (Buster) Roberts. He did not attend every meeting and so perhaps was not too well known to a lot of us. He was employed at the Naval Training Station and was active in the housing community, especially in recreational matters. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Martha Roberts, his daughter and two sons, and his mother.

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Jim and Eula Crouthamel are back from their indefinite vacation; they didn't get very far, preferring to take things easy. But they did get as far as San Francisco.

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At our Christmas party, December 1, Lew Panosh will be Santa Claus. Charlie Leuschner was worried that he might get stuck for that job.

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The attendance at our last meeting was rather light; maybe that was because it was the day before the election. (We mean the national election; not the one for S.D.N.S. officers).

EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Jim Crouthamel: Proof sets, 1836-1952; 1937 proof set including a cent and a nickel with reeded edges; Confederate half dollar restrike

Clive Foss: Roman denarii (silver) and sestertii (large bronzes)

Gene Johnston: Irish and South African sets; commemorative half dollars; Lafayette dollar and Queen Isabella quarter

Francis Jones: Early U.S. type set, [illegible] to $1, including many rare dates

Charlie Leuschner: Two silver trays, one with the bottom inset with many German silver coins and the other with gold

Lew Panosh: Medals of the Society of Medallists

Doc Bruce Wallace: Military and other medals

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Frenchy Vignault and Tom Ward were named as judges for the exhibits and rated them: 1st, Francis Jones; 2nd, Clive Foss; 3rd, Lew Panosh.
Through an oversight the prizes were not brought, but they will be given at the next meeting.

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When Bob Flournoy saw the Panosh medal display, he said "That must mean Mrs. Panosh". Evidently he thinks that Dana is such a medal collector that Lew can't have nothing.

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Charlie Leuschner's coin trays were unusual in several respects. One was that instead of the coins simply being soldered to the silver, they were let into holes so that the reverses could be seen by inverting the trays. They were countersunk to avoid wear on either face.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

FOUNTAIN, Dr. William E.	Merced
ZAHWALEN, Paul	La Jolla
WHALEY, Allan A.	San Diego

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DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER BULLETIN: December 10

OUR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DINNER will be held in January as usual. President Jim Greuthanel has appointed Doc Ray Wilson, Atwood MacDonald, and Doc Bruce Wallace as a committee to make the dinner arrangements. They will report at the next meeting.

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We mint report this month; we didn't get it in time. So probably next month we will give you two months' report at once.

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Harold Gerride's convention display with the threads leading from the coins to where they originated gives us an idea. We shall make a display with threads leading from the coins to a map showing the locations of the dealers we bought 'em from.

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In the Sunday magazine section of the San Diego Union, September 2d, appears an account of the "wooden nickel" collection of Ted Lucas with a picture of a spread of about 700 pieces, and detailed pictures of several. The collection totals 1800 specimens.

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This way of writing seems to you facetious.

- Phaedrus IV, 2.

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Do you suppose Phaedrus has been reading this here Bulletin?

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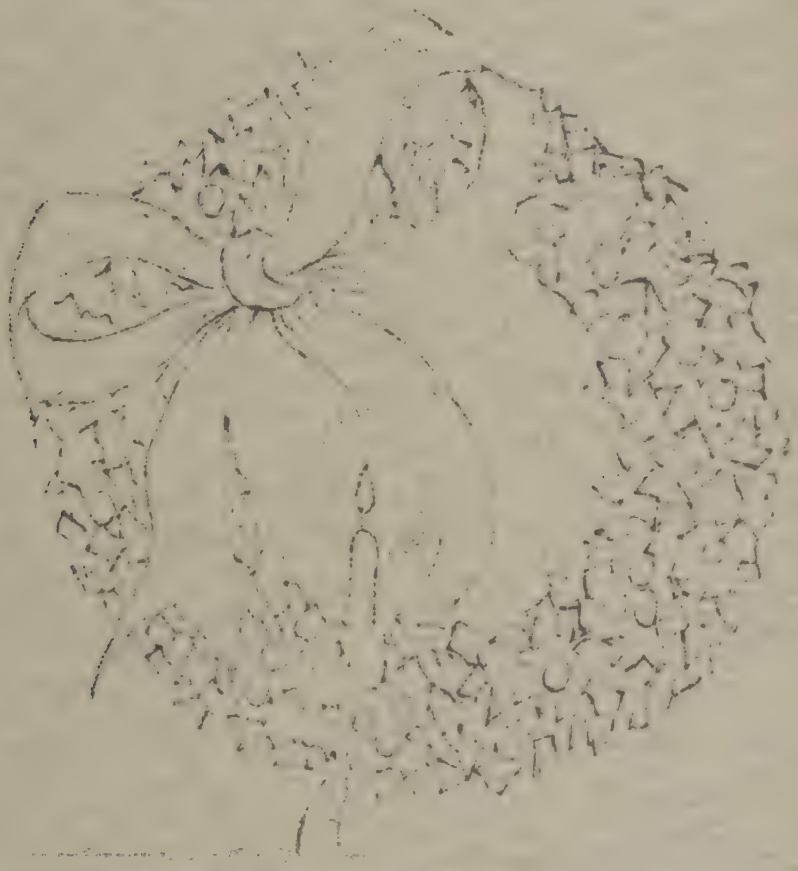
NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 5 at Bartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DINNER: Saturday, January 17 at Manor Hotel, El Cajon Blvd. and Mississippi St., San Diego, Calif.



THE SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

WISHES YOU ALL

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1953:

PRESIDENT: Arthur Vigneault
VICE PRESIDENT: Abe Beck
SECRETARY: Francis Jones
TREASURER: Paul Boltz
LIBRARIAN: Atwood MacDonald
GOVERNOR: James Crouthamel
JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Clive Foss
EDITOR: Tom Ward

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We congratulate all of these officers (excepting the last), and know that we will have another good year under their management (again excepting the last).

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ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN - This is a new office we have just created, and Clive Foss was elected to fill it. Lately Clive has done a lot of work on our library, sorting, arranging, and cataloging our books and publications. Shortly he will issue a list of the library's contents, so we all will be able to see what we have - and to borrow such books as we may need. In the past the library has had insufficient attention, and this is the first time it has had any really scientific handling - thanks to Clive.

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Incidentally if any of you have library books or other publications which you have borrowed, will you please return them now so that Clive can make his list complete?

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There are a couple of other officers to be appointed later; they are the representatives to the American Numismatic Association and the California State Numismatic Association. In both of these cases we will submit names to those organizations, and they in turn will approve appointees.

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We officially deny any possible rumor that we had to re-elect Paul Boltz as treasurer because he had a stranglehold on our finances.

OUR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DINNER will be on Saturday, January 17 at the Manor Hotel (formerly the Imig Manor), El Cajon Blvd. and Mississippi St., San Diego. The cost will be $3.00 for the dinner, which includes everything. Reservations are absolutely necessary, and they must be in at least a week before the event. Therefore please turn in your reservations at the January 5 meeting; or if this is impossible, immediately after.

Also please bring coins, medals, etc. for display that night. This event always brings out some nice exhibits so let's have them again. Awards will be given for the best showings, as usual. This is one of our big nights, so plan now to come - and bring your friends - for a good time.

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Albert Conyne: U.S. gold type set
Clive Foss: Roman antoniniani and their imitations
Emil Johnson: Swedish plate money, including a 1-daler piece struck in 2-daler size and plates clipped to make small change; Swedish uniface coins
Gene John: U.S. gold, including a type set; British, Irish, and South African sets in original mint cases
Francis Jones: Half dimes, 1829-1837
Irving Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; large and small cents; standing Liberty quarters; commemorative half dollars
E. H. Lang: Mexican pesos, multiples and fractions
Doc Bruce Wallace: German paper money
Louie Walrath: Dollars of the Denver mint
Tom Ward: Roman sestertii (large bronzes)

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Lew Panosh and Karl Brainard judged the displays as follows: 1st, E.H. Lang; 2nd, Francis Jones; 3rd, Albert Conyne.

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But Lew Panosh done dirt to Tom Ward. He said Tom's display wasn't considered because the coins were so

old they were obsolete, and anyway Tom had enough awards already. However Clive Foss was an innocent bystander who also suffered. Lew thought that Clive's Romans were part of Tom's display.

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The prizes for last month's displays were distributed, 1st to Francis Jones, 2nd to Clive Foss, and 3rd to Lew Panosh.

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Lt. Walter Luttner donated some sets of special paper money to be auctioned off for the benefit of our treasury. They were recreation fund notes issued by the Navy for use in the Pacific Islands during the atomic bomb experiments, in which the lieutenant participated. We all thank him.

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Charlie Leuschner suggested testing the money with a Geiger counter to see if it was radioactive.

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INFLATION AND DEFLATION both hit the club rather abruptly. The raffle tickets were announced as 50¢ each, immediately being reduced to 25¢. This reminds us of what happens when we buy stock.

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Sam Cherbert in read his raffle ticket numbers wrong; maybe he should see an optician.

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THE POWER OF THE PRESS - Paul Boltz took particular pains to tell us that he left his loud sox at home, due to our remarks about them.

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On the motion of Atwood MacDonald, we abolished the one dollar charge for dealers' use of tables at our meetings.

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Following our last meeting, we had an informal Christmas party, with gifts being distributed to those present. Some of them were very nice too. Lew Panosh acted as Santa Claus, but he disappointed us somewhat. No whiskers, no red coat, no nothing that Santa is supposed to have.

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He at least should have let his whiskers grow for the month previous to the party.

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Anyway whiskers would be appropriate for his trips to the wilds of Quincy.

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Or to Skunk Hollow.

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Chief Warrant Officer Robert Raymond and Mrs. Raymond are back from their trip and attended the meeting. They drove over 7000 miles, looping around most of the western half of the country.

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Which reminds us: we have a small chance of getting a mix-up in the names of a couple of our members. We have one named Raymond Roberts, and another named Robert Raymond.

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Sounds like they ain't quite sure how to give their names.

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Master Sergeant Lang was at the first meeting he was able to attend since his return from Japan. We call him "master sergeant", but maybe he ain't one no more; we forgot to ask him if he was still in the army or out of it.

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Then too, the Emil Johnsons were present for the first time in several months. Don't stay away so long again, Emil.

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"THE MAIL MUST GO THROUGH" - and Helen Dixon helped it to. She passed out Bulletins.

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A murderous maniac in Los Angeles shot a stranger and then told the police "He looked too well-fed. I don't like well-fed looking people who drive Cadillacs". We print this as a warning to Irving Knickerbocker that he'd better not drive none of his Cadillacs in Los Angeles.

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COINAGE DURING AUGUST, 1952:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Half dollars	$1,760,578.00		2,147,000.00
Quarters	2,278,789.00	1,060,000.00	1,648,000.00
Dimes	376,315.00	733,000.00	1,311,000.00
Nickels	386,757.50		158,800.00
Cents	98,681.50	64,000.00	340,650.00

Cumulative, January to August, 1952 (pieces):

Half dollars	14,693,799	2,292,000	19,288,800
Commemorative half dollars	2,006,292	6,003	6,003
Quarters	26,335,298	8,983,800	32,060,000
Dimes	45,763,807	33,189,500	102,218,312
Nickels	35,647,750	17,732,500	34,150,300
Cents	30,913,750	31,980,004	160,925,000

COINAGE DURING SEPTEMBER, 1952:

Half dollars	$1,198,854.50	485,000.00	1,862,000.00
Quarters	886,427.25	571,000.00	408,000.00
Dimes	1,237,570.90		
Nickels	253,485.00		218,600.00
Cents	212,757.00	268,000.00	1,055,050.00

Cumulative, January to September, 1952 (pieces):

Half dollars	21,785,508	3,262,000	23,012,800
Commemorative half dollars	2,006,292	6,003	6,003
Quarters	29,880,997	11,247,800	33,692,000
Dimes	58,199,516	33,189,500	102,218,312
Nickels	40,717,450	17,732,500	38,522,300
Cents	52,189,450	50,780,004	266,430,000

The commemorative half dollars are Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver.

Just to remind you: we still have some of the San Diego Numismatic Society stationery for sale. If you want some - and every member should have some - see the president, the secretary, or Lew Ramesh.

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THE COINAGE OF THE ROMAN REPUBLIC, B.C. 500-30

By Clive Foss

The first types of Roman coins were issued about 500 B.C., and were called the "aes rude". They were simply rough pieces of bronze.

Some time after these were issued, a type called the "aes signatum" was issued. It was an oblong bronze casting, and had on it a picture of an ox in relief. Very little is known about it, and it may have been used as bullion exchangeable by weight, rather than as money.

Later, about 311 B.C., the first regular coinage was issued by the Roman Republic, the "aes grave" and its divisions. The as, the largest denomination, had a weight of one pound. It had on the obverse the double head of Janus, and on the reverse the prow of a ship, probably symbolical of Roman commerce, and the mark of value "I". This was the standard design of the as (except for the moneyer's name) for about 250 years, although the size and weight of the coin declined. The other denominations of the series and their obverse personifications were: the semis or 1/2 as (head of Jupiter or Saturn), the triens or 1/3 as (head of Minerva), the quadrans or 1/4 as (head of Hercules), the sextans or 1/6 as (head of Mercury), and the uncia or 1/12 as (head of Roma). The last denomination of the series was issued later, and was struck instead of being cast.

The Roman government, always pressed for money, kept reducing the weight of the as. It originally weighed one pound. By about 250 B.C. it weighed about two ounces. By about 200 B.C. it weighed only about one ounce. The whole series was discontinued by about 80 B.C., not to be issued again until the time of Julius Caesar and Pompey.

So far, the Romans had not needed to have a coinage to circulate outside of their own lands, and these bronze pieces had fitted their requirements. But when they came in contact with the Greek cities of Southern Italy, who had been using silver for coins since

about 450 B.C., they saw the need for a silver coinage of their own. Thus about 269 B.C. the Romans started issuing didrachms, drachms, and small bronze coins, bearing various types, and the name ROMA or ROMAIN. These were of Greek style and workmanship. Later in the third century, these "Romano-Campanian" didrachms, as they are commonly called, were superseded by the quadrigatus (sometimes regarded as a type of the didrachm). These coins had on the obverse the head of Janus, and on the reverse Jupiter, with Victory, in a four-horse chariot (quadriga). These remained uniform in type, although they exhibit minor varieties in style.

The quadrigatus remained current until the end of the Second Punic War (202 B.C.), when it was superseded by a coin known as the victoriatus. This coin had on the obverse the head of Jupiter, and on the reverse ROMA and Victory (like) crowning a trophy of arms. Thus the name "victoriatus". These remained uniform in type, although they exhibit minor varieties, such as the names of the moneyers.

During this whole period the bronze coins were still being issued, although they were reduced in size. The uneasy relationship between silver and bronze could not continue, and at the end of the third century B.C. Rome reformed her monetary system. The as, which had originally weighed one pound, was now fixed at one ounce. Also, three new denominations in silver were introduced. They were: (1) the "denarius nummus", or ten asses. It had on the obverse the mark of value "X" and the head of Roma; on the reverse Castor and Pollux (the heavenly twins or Dioscuri) riding into battle with their spears couched. (2) the quinarius, or five asses, had a design similar to the denarius, but it was only half the size. It was not issued frequently. (3) the sestertius, equal to two and one half asses, had a similar design, except that the mark of value IIS (2½); it was issued only rarely. This is not to be confused with the sestertius of Imperial times, which was a bronze coin.

About 180 B.C., a new denomination, the semi-uncia or

1/24 as (head of Mercury) was introduced. It did not last more than a few years.
About 170 or 165 B.C. the style of the denarius was changed. It still had on the obverse the head of Roma, but on the reverse had representations of various deities, and the issuer's name. The same applies to the lesser denominations, the quinarius and the sestertius.
In the bronze, several denominations were being withdrawn from circulation. The trions, sextans, and uncia were discontinued about 150 B.C.; the semis about 110 B.C.; the quadrans about 100 B.C.; and the as was discontinued about 80 B.C.
At about 80 B.C. the head of Roma was eliminated from the silver coins, and replaced by the heads of other deities.
In about 60 B.C. the copper coins were again issued, under Pompey the Great, and Julius Caesar.
The gold aureus was an infrequent issue, and formed no part of the regular coinage. It was struck for military and similar emergency purposes, and all types are now rare.
The Roman Republic came to an end in 30 B.C., when Augustus defeated Antony and Cleopatra, and became Emperor.
In this article I have just made an outline of the coinage of the Roman Republic. The standard reference work on this series is E. Babelon's "Monnaies de la Republique Romaine".

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting will be at the home of Capt. Nicholas V. Jangochian, 1340 Rosemoyne Ave., Glendale, January 16. The captain has just returned from a tour of duty in Morocco; while there he visited the ancient ruins, and will speak about them.
At the last meeting, Prof. Wallace Todd gave a fine talk on stained glass windows.
Tom Ward is scheduled to address this organization on February 20, his subject being the Roman Emperor Julian.

CONFUSED CHRONOLOGY - On November 3 the San Diego Union ended an editorial with a paragraph telling how Plutarch and Cicero demanded the destruction of Carthage. Which is rather remarkable, considering the fact that Carthage was destroyed long before either of them were born.

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When Doc Ray Wilson came to the home of the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, the Hermit hung a red flag at the roadside to show the doc where to stop. And ever since that he has been expecting a summons from the Congressional Un-American Committee.

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If the committee knows anything about Skunk Hollow.

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Or cares.

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President-elect General Eisenhower has named a woman to be Secretary of the Treasury during his administration. And any married man will tell you that it is just natural for a gal to be in charge of a treasury.

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And this new Secretary comes from Bountiful, Utah. Just what we need, a Bountiful Treasurer.

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However we don't suppose she will be officially known as Lady Bountiful.

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The writer wants to take enough space here to publicly thank Gene Johnston. He presented him with a sestertius of Domitilla the Younger, saying it was a Christmas present in recognition of favors I did for him. While I don't recall any favors deserving of a nice present like that, I certainly appreciate it. Thanks again, Gene.

- Tom Ward.

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Louie Walrath won't go to Heaven when he dies; he works on Sundays. He is remodelling his house; or perhaps it would be more correct to say that he is building a new one all the way around the old one.

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SPECIAL THIS MONTH: Installation of officers and dinner, January 17 at Manor Hotel, El Cajon Blvd. and Mississippi St., San Diego, Calif. Make reservations early.

Atwood MacDonald has quit smoking, so now you know he has NO bad habits.

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We must ask Bobbit MacDonald if she ever catches him sneaking in a cigar on the sly.

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Maybe the reason he quit was that he gave up in despair the attempt to blow smoke rings like Lew Panosh.

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Even though Lew has never attained what Doc Bruce Wallace considers the acme of smoke blowing skill - blowing square smoke rings.

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We don't yet have any advance dope on the next California State Numismatic Association convention; maybe we'll be able to tell you something next month. Anyway there's lots of time yet.

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Another convention to be kept in mind; that of the American Numismatic Association in Dallas, Texas next August. That will be reasonably close for us, and so a lot of us should plan to go. Those conventions are all well worth seeing.

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Even though the A.N.A. doesn't have any drill teams.

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